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## New Orleans
## 1857

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CORRESPONDENCE WITH BRANCH MINTS
AND ASSAY OFFICES, 1835-98

New Orleans, La.,
Branch Mint:
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NEW ORLEANS — 1857 (CONT.)

Office of the Asst. Tr. U.S.
New Orleans May 8th 1857.

Sir –

Your letter of the 28th ult. enclosing a Check for $79.75 on the Mechanics & Traders Bank for payment of freight &c on Silver coin is rec'd.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
James Brown
Asst. Tr. U.S.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Asst. Treasr. Mint
at New Orleans
La

Ack Receipt of check
enclosed on the 28th
ult.

May 15, 1857.

Philad$^{a}$ May 9. 1857.

Charles Bienaemé Esq$^{r}$.
Supt Branch Mint.
New Orleans, La.

A transfer draft for
fifteen hundred to Philad$^{a}$ is
issued for same amount as
the last draft. When can
you have the boxes prepared
for putting up the ingots
for transportation?

Accid$^{s}$. publicity

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

May 9th 7.

Sir,

In view of the large amount of unavailable silver Bullion at your branch of the Mint, the Department have determined to cause one Million in ingots to be transferred to the Mint. I have issued to day the transfer draft. It will be carried by the Adams Express Company who will present the draft to you for payment. I sent you a despatch to day enquiring when you could have the boxes prepared. I have also to request that you cause them to be made as strong as possible. The same number will be required as were used for the last Million transferred. It is proper, as a matter of caution and to diminish the risk of carriage, that this transaction should not have any publicity, further than it may be practicable to avoid it. A similar caution will be given to the Agents of the Express Co.
When the Bullion is ready and has started you will please inform me of it, and send a statement of the amount.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Charles Brenaman Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

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Letter to Supt. at New Orleans:

May 9th 57.

Respecting transmission of one million in value of Silver Bullion to the Mint.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, May 12th 1857.

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Statement of the condition of this Branch Mint at the close of the week ending Saturday May 9th 1857.

The Dies for putting up the eagles for transportation will be ready on Monday next.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
A. B. Norman
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt at
New Orleans
Branch Mint

Transmits Weekly
Statement

May 19, 1857

# The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

**MORSE LINE,**

BETWEEN

**New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,**

*Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern & Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.*

## TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PRE-PAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

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" WILMINGTON.....Telegraph Building, N. E. Corner of Third and Market Sts.
" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans May 15 1857

Rec'd, Phila'a May 16th 1857 2 o'clock, min. M.

To J. R. Snowden

Director U.S. Mint

The Boxes for the Silver Bullion will be ready by the nineteenth inst

13/230

Chas. Bienvenu
Supt

Mmx

It should be dated

Received May 19th

instead 16th

OFFICE
OF THE
Adams Express Company
No. 116 Chesnut St.

Draper, Welsh & Co. Philad.a

May 13 1857

Hon Jas. Ross Snowden
Director of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

The Messenger corps of this Company will leave Cincinnati to day with the Transfer Draft for One Million.

May I ask of you to telegraph the New Orleans Superintendent to have the Boxes ready by the 19th inst.

Yours Obt Servt

O. B. Shepherd
Gen Supt.

From
E. S. Sanford Esq
Gen'l Supt. of Adams
Express Co.

Requesting me to [illegible] Sept 1st / 57

to Supt of New Orleans
Br. Mint to have
boxes ready by 19th
inst.

May 13, 1857.

Received Nov 27th 1857 from D. Smallwood
U.S. Mint One Box to be forwarded to Supt of
U.S. Br Mint New Orleans

Adams Express Co
Jno. N. Bell

May 27th 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th inst.

With respect to increasing the pay of the salary of the Captain of the night watch of your fourth District, I have to state that it is discretionary with you as Superintendent to allow him the proper increase of fifty cents per day if you think proper.

Very respectfully,

James Robinson

Director of Mints

Charles Dimmock Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint

New Orleans

Copy

Chas. Bienvenu Esqr.
Supt. Branch Mint.
New Orleans.

Philada. May 13. 1857

Have the boxes for the silver bullion ready by the 19th inst.

R. M. Snowden
Director of the Mint

To

A. Bienvenu Esq

Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

S/S To have the
boxes for the Silver Bullion
ready by 19th inst.

May 13, 1857.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, May 19th 1857

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been duly received. Your instructions therein contained shall be attended to.

I have to inform you that I have been obliged to convert the residence of the Captain of the watch in the Mint, in Cutting rooms, in order to be able to resume the upstairs of the Coining department, until the repairs of the building be completed. In consequence of that removal the Captain of the Watch has been deprived of the benefit heretofore enjoyed by himself and his predecessors, and that compelled to hire a residence in the city. As a compensation I respectfully recommend that his salary should be raised $1.50 cents per day, from and after the 1st of this month.

Very Respectfully
your ob. servt.
Chs. Devereux
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Fm + To

[redacted]
Superintendent
U.S. Mint at New Orleans

Respecting increase
of W.S. allowance
to Capt. of night watch

May 27. 1857

May 22d. 7.

Sir,

A notice of the transfer of the Silver bullion from New Orleans to Philada has appeared in some of the newspapers, taken from a Cincinnati paper. It is in such a form as to seem to have originated with some agent of the Adams Express Co at that city. I had, as suggested by the Department, requested that publicity to the transaction should be carefully avoided, and Mr Caulfield gave the necessary orders to the subordinates of the Company. He has written a letter to me on the subject which I herewith enclose.

I think we need be under no apprehension in relation to the matter, but it is provoking to find the transaction a subject of newspaper notice before it has been determined, and doubtless it was induced by the vanity of some agent who thinks it a great matter to have the care of Thirty three tons of silver which he himself could not move unless with without having a score or more of porters in call to assist him!

As the article in question may attract
notice I have deemed it proper
make this communication on the
subject.

I have the honor to
with great respect
Your faithful ser

James Pope Sanders
Collector of the

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

"Copy"

Office of the Adams Express Co.

116 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, May 19th 1857.

A. Gaither Esq.

Supt of Western Division

Dear Sir

Accompanying please find Evening Journal of Phil^a with marked article relative to — Transfer of Bullion; On calling upon the Editors I am informed they got their information from the "Cincinn - ati Commercial". — The article bears evidence of coming from parties connected with our Express. If from Mr Patterson I shall be greatly disappointed because it would shew him unfit for the trust; if from subordinates, it is to be hoped, you will make them feel that they cannot trifle with the security and interest of the Adams Express Co in this outrageous manner; — I need not enlarge to you upon the mortification consequent upon such an "Expose" of

weakness and want of ordinary business reticence
nor upon the prejudicial effect it will have upon
future negotiations with the Treasury Department.

Yours Respectfully

Signed E. S. Sanford

Gen'l Sup't

To,

Sec. of the Treasury

Washington City

In relation to a notice which appeared in the newspapers of the transfer of funds from New Orleans,

May 22, 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, June 3d 1857.

Sir,

Enclosed please find Statement of Expenditures for Second Quarter of 1857.

Very Respectfully
your obt. serv.t
Chs. Mauvenu
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From / Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

July 11th 57.

Reports Expenditures of 2 Qr.
(1857) to Sec. Treasury through one.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, June 1st 1859.

Sir,

I herewith please find Statement of deposits at this Branch Mint, during May 1859.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Serv.t
Chas Maurin
Dep.t

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
The Supt of
the Branch Mint
New Orleans

Enclosing monthly
Statements for May
1857.

June 10, 1857

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, May 25. 1857.

Sir,

I send herewith the Statement of the Condition of this Branch Mint, at the close of the week ending May 23. 1857.

You will see by that Statement that the draft of one million in eagles mentioned in your letter of 9th inst. has been presented by the agent of Adams Express in this city, and paid.

The bullion is ready and will start to day at 5 o'clock P.M. —

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Ch. Bienvenu
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From
Charles Benoni Esq
Ship "B. Mann"
New Orleans
La

Transmitting Weekly
Statement & Invoice
of Shipment
of Corn Bran

June 1, 1857.

June 11th 47.

Sir,

The Silver bullion ordered to be transferred from New Orleans was delivered at the Mint yesterday. The report of the weight shows an excess of about 100 ounces beyond the amount, viz: $1,000,000. I have directed it to be re-weighed, and by the second weighings shows a similar result I will communicate with the Superintendent of the branch mint at New Orleans on the subject.

It is a source of gratification to find that this large amount of bullion has been safely transferred from New Orleans to Philad.

I have the honor to be with great respect,
Your obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

To The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City
D. C.

Arrival of $1,000,000 in silver
bullion from Br. Mint
New Orleans

June 12, 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, June 23.d 1857.

Sir,

Please find enclosed, the State-
ment of the Condition of this Branch Mint
at the close of the week ending June 20.th
1857.

I have to inform you that the gen-
eral operations of this Mint will be
resumed on the first day of next month.

Very respectfully
your Ob.t Serv.t
Ch.s Bienvenu
Sup.t

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Weekly Statement

July 1 185-).

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, June 30th 1857.

Sir,

Herewith I send Statement of the Condition of this Branch Mint, at the close of the week ending Saturday June 27th 1857.

Very Respectfully
your Ob't Serv't
Ch. Bienvenu
Sup't

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From/ Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

July 8th 57

Weekly Statement to June 27th.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 1857.

Sir,

I inclose, herewith:

1. Statement of deposits & Coinage for the month of June;
2. Abstracts of Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss,
3. and Silver Purchase Profit & Loss, for the second Quarter of 1857;
4. Statement of Spanish & Mexican Silver Change deposited for Coinage since 1st Jan.
5. and Statements of Gold & Silver Bullion Deposits,
6. Gold & Silver Coinage, and
7. Gold & silver Coins issued for the year from 1st of July 1856 to 30th of June 1857.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. H. Manrow
Supt.

P. S. We have this day resumed the operations of this Branch Mint.

Respectfully,
C. H.
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

From / Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

July 9th 57

Sundry Monthly, Quarterly and
Yearly Reports &c.

Treasury Department
July 2. 1857.

Sir

Wm. McAlpin the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at N. Orleans is desirous to make a visit to the North in the Month of August next. Be pleased to say whether, in your opinion, any inconvenience or delay in the operations of that Branch will be caused by the absence of that Gentleman from N. Orleans

I am very Respectfully

Your obedt

Acting Sec Treasury

Dr. R. M. Eckert.
Director of the Mint
Philada.

Tom,

Sec. of Treasy

con

Recd 3d. 2 July 1857

July 6th 7.

Sir.

The Post Master, at New Orleans, has requested to be furnished with One Hundred Dollars in cents of the new issue. I propose, with your concurrence, by this mail to remit the Amount requested through the Asst. Treasurer of the Mint in that City, in whose favor you will please draw me a draft (on the Treasurer of the Mint) for the above Amount, (eighty dollars) payable in cents of the new issue.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Lott.
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 6, 1857.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your favor of the 1st inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch for the Month of June last.

To Secretary of the Treasury.

July 6/57.

Requesting draft in favor of Post Master at N.O. for $100. in the new Cent pieces.

January 9th 1

Sir:

I have received your favor of yesterday, making Estimates to have repaired by me.

I notice that the Draft is not signed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Register of the Treasury, and has not been received, and I herein return it to you to have those omissions supplied.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful Servant,

Tench Coxe.
Assistant of the Secretary.

Hon: Horace Wells
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

Treasury Department
July 29. 1857.

Sir

In compliance with your request I send enclosed a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of the Ass't Treasurer at N. Orleans for $100 - payable in the New Cent Coins.

I am very Resp't
Howell Cobb
Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Phila.

From D. Sec. of Treasury.

July 6th 37

Sending & returning for signatures
omitted a draft for $100. in new Cent
for P.M. Exeter at New Orleans.

July 7

Sir.

I herein enclose to you a Statement from the Cashier of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, shewing the expenditures made on account of the fortifications during the second Quarter of the present year.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. Mr. Secretary &c.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

To

Hon Howell Cobb

Secretary of the Treasury

Expenditures By

Winchester Reavis.

July 10. 1857.

July 2nd 9

Sir:

I this day transmit to you the Returns of Captain Bee on the back of which are noted the Articles for which your Bill will have your credit credited when the Account Current of Captain Bee is settled by the Auditor of the Treasury and any Warrant, and the amount of which is charged to you by the Department

Very respectfully

Saml. Rose Swanton
Commissary of Purchases

Major General Wilkinson
&c &c &c
New Orleans

Hon. Post Master and
Asst. Treas. P.O.
New Orleans.

July 11/57.

$100. in new cents sent to-day
to Asst. Treas. for the Post Masters.

July 23.

Sir

Your favr of the 18th inst has been rec'd & the desired requisite will be forwarded as soon as they can be got ready.

I have to request that you will cause to be sent to me patterns, which may be easily cut from the inside of the declining edge of your finishing dies as fitted in the presses for coining. The denomination thereof to be marked on each pattern respectively, also, the letters N.M.

I am very Respectfully

Director of the Mint

Messrs Prime Sons & Co
Wall Street
New York

To

C. Bienvenu Esq

Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

Respecting dies

Ballenus

July 23. 1857.—

July 22 9.

Sir,

On a carefull weighing of the Silver
deposited, received from your Branch of the Mint, in
payment of the last Warrant drawn for $1,000,000
there was found to be an excess in weight.
I caused the amount, to wit One hundred
Ounces to be deposited separately, and have
placed the proceeds, namely $102.50/100 to the
credit of your Treasurer in my account
with him.

As the excess might be a loss to the
Melter and Refiner I recommend that the
Treasurer place the above mentioned sum
in his hands from the Ordinary fund, the
Treasurer having credit for the same being
as above stated in my acct with him.
The sum thus delivered to the Melter & Refiner will
pro tanto diminish his wastage account,
and with income to the benefit of the Mint

profit and loss account.

As our weighing and assay rooms are to be opened I recommend a careful adjustment of your balances and weights, especially those used with heavy drafts.

I am very Respectfully
Your ob't servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Charles Dimmock Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

P.S. I am glad to learn, by one of your recent communications, that the operations of your branch have been fully resumed; and hope that the improvements made will be advantageous to the establishment, and beneficial to the public service.

J.R.S.

To

Charles Pierrevenu Esq

Supt U.S. Mint

N. O.

In reference to Excess of 100 oz of Silver in Weight of Million of dollars. — Acquisition of the Same.

July 23. 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, July 15th 1857

Sir,

I am requested by the Coiner of this Branch Mint, to make a requisition for the following dies, for the present year: viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Half Dollar dies. | 8. | Heads | — | 0. | Reverses |
| Quarter Dollar " | 10. | " | — | 0. | " |
| Dime — " | 8. | " | — | 0. | " |
| ½ Dime — " | 10. | " | — | 6. | " |
| | 36 | " | — | 6 | " |

Very Respectfully
your obt. serv.
Ch. Bonsenu
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. mint
Philadelphia.

From Supt Ft Brooke

New Orleans La

Application for Lots

July 23, 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint,

New-Orleans, July 28th 1857.

Sir,

I hereby transmit, Statement of the Condition of this Branch at the close of the week ending July 25th 1857.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Serv.
Chs Newcomb
Cash.

Col. James C. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans
La

Weekly Statement

Aug 6. 1857

Statement of the condition of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, at the close of the week ending July 25th. 1857.

| | | Dollars | cts |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Coinage acct Dr.** | | | |
| Balance per last Statement | | 553,058 | 76 |
| Received Since in Coins | G.$ 75.000.00 / S.$ 25.000.00 | 100,000 | 00 |
| Total means for the week | G.$ 104.774.36 / S.$ 548.284.40 | 653,058 | 76 |
| **Coinage acct Cr.** | | | |
| Gold paid for during the week | G.$ 75.00 | 1,703 | 64 |
| Coins reserved for Apay | S.$ 5.00 | 8 | 00 |
| Balance on hand | G.$ 102,995.72 / S.$ 548.279.40 | 651,275 | 12 |
| | | 653,058 | 76 |
| **Bullion acct Dr** | G.$ 2.695.96 | | |
| Unpaid deposits due to private depositors | S.$ 38.554.33 | 41,250 | 29 |
| Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund, | | 1489,267 | 46 |
| Total debt on Bullion Account | | 1530,517 | 75 |
| Deduct Balance, as above | G.$ 132.300.00 | 651,275 | 12 |
| Difference being bullion in course of manufacture | S.$ 746.942.63 | 879,242 | 63 |

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans,
Treasurer's Office July 25th, 1857.

John J. Allen
Treasurer.

Jas. Brewer, Treasurer Branch Mint,

New Orleans, July 25th, 1857.

Statement of the condition of the Branch

Mint at the close of the week ending

July 25th 1857.

July 25th 7.

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in Your letter of the 15th inst I have sent You to-day, for Isle aux Cayes by the following dies for the present year viz:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Half Dollar dies | 8 | Heads | |
| Quarter . . | 10 | " | |
| Dime . . | 5 | " | |
| Half Dime . . | 10 | " | die C. Reverse |

In all 33 dies.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Charles Weinacker Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans
La.

Received July 20. 1857 from Dr Landerman
U. S. Mint One Box addressed ——
Supt Branch Mint
New Orleans
to be forwarded as addressed
Adams Express Co
Jno. A. Bill

Working dies for the Branch Mint
at New Orleans
furnished by the Engraver for an order from the
Branch M. dated July 15. 1857 (Complete)
One box containing as follows

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Half Dollar | 8 heads | marked | 15, 16, 17, 18 |
| Quarter Dollar | 10 Do. | " | 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 |
| Dime | 8 Do. | " | 24, 25, 26, 27 |
| Half Dime | 10 Do + 6 reverses | " | 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 (in pairs) |
| | | & " | 34. 35 (heads) |

in all 42 dies

Mint U.S. July 28. 1857

James B. Longacre
Engraver

To.
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans
La

Respectfully Asst

July 28, 1857.

Aug 12. 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the Assay coins of Your branch for the month of July last.

The balance due Your Treasurer at my last Statement of account (viz Jan. 9. 1857), was $184.00

Since then he has been credited with the following items, viz: Feb 14. 1857 By proceeds of Assay Coins 1856 641.60

July 22 " " Value of 100 oz Silver ingots, see my letter of 23d ult: 122.50

Balance to his credit $948.10

I have not made any payments for Your Treasurer since my Statement of a/c on the 9th January last.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Charles Brenneman Esq
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans La.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, August 3. 1857.

Sir,

I enclose Statement of deposits & Coinage, and Coins reserved for specy during the last month.

Also Statement of the Condition of this Branch Mint at the close of the week ending August 1st 1857.

I have to request that you will cause to be sent the account of the Mint with the Treasurer of this Branch Mint, including all transactions up to 31st July 1857.

Your favors of 22 & 23 ultimo, have been received; and your instructions therein contained will be attended to.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Chas Nicarnee
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

From Lo
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

Reports of Assay
Coins for July

Aug 12, 1857

August 6 7.

Sir,

I have sent you to day by mail two more Engravings, as requested in your telegraphic despatch of yesterday, which was received a few minutes ago.

Very Respectfully,
James Rapelye Smith.
Director of the Mint

Charles L. Emmons Esq.,
Chief Clerk Mint,
Treasury Department
Washington

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" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.
" NEW ORLEANS.....Under St. Charles Hotel.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans July 31st 1857

Rec'd, Philad'a Aug 1st 185[illegible] o'clock, [illegible] min. M.

To Jas Ross Snowden

Director U S Mint

Wanted immediately two reverse dies Eagle

$230

Chas Brewerton
Supt

Rec'd

To Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

La

P/D. for 2 reverse

Eagle dies

same sent by

Mail

Aug 3 1857

Aug 26. 7

Sir

Your favor of the 12th inst was duly received.

The Director of the Mint has been spending a few weeks with his family in the country, but will be back early next week. He directs me to say that on his return to town he will give your application for compensation for injury to your furniture, a proper consideration & if necessary make it the subject of an official communication to the Department.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
F. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

Charles Pierrevert Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans

To
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Letter of 12th inst
will receive attention
on Directors return

Aug 26. 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, August 22d 1857.

Sir,

I herewith, enclose a Statement of the Coiner of this Branch Mint with accompanying papers relative to a loss resulting from the Melting & Assay of a lot of Gold Sweeps remaining in the Coining department since 1845. All being fully satisfied that the Coiner should be credited with the loss as therein stated, as this is a matter of long standing and in order to avoid future correspondence, on the subject, with the Treasury Department, I deemed it advisable to submit my decision with the facts, for your approval.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Svt.
Ch. Bonnaffe
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt Belmont
New Orleans
La.

Respecting a loss
on mutt of bonnet
sweeps

May 31. 1837

Copy.

Branch Mint of the United States
Coining Dept.
New Orleans August 14th. 1857.

Sir,

On the 24th day of May 1853 upon entering on the discharge of my duties as Coiner of this Branch Mint, a lot of Gold Sweep from the year 1847, of the Stated Standard gold value of 10.191 as per assay report of the late Dr Hort, deceased, dated Dec 28th 1847, was delivered to me by the Treasurer who had received the same, in settlement, from my predecessor in office.

Unable to ascertain the reason why that lot of Gold Sweep had so long remained in the vaults of the Coiner and undisposed of, either by Sale or otherwise, believing that on account of its richness it might be worked here with more advantage to the Government than by selling it, as customary, with our other Sweep, desiring moreover to close an account which, for more than nine years, had been kept open. I delivered the same on the 25th of February last to R. Millspaugh Esq. Assayer of this Branch Mint, who caused it to be fluxed down under the form of a bar from which he took his assay pieces. In comparing the assay made by the late Dr Hort (a duly certified copy of which marked A, is herewith inclosed) with the assay made by Mr. Millspaugh marked B. hereunto annexed, and finding between them a difference of 5.875, I immediately called the attention of our present Assayer upon this discrepancy.

From the letter of the Assayer dated Feby 25 1857 marked C., it appears that an error was made by the late Dr. Hort in calculating the value of said

Gold Sweeps and evidently occurred, says Mr. Millsprough, "by weighing the comet with the half grammes instead of the gramme weights" "This, at once, (says the Assayer) accounts for the difference in value as per my report of assay of the Sweeps after having been fluxed down, and that made by the late Dr. Hort."

In correcting the error made by Dr Hort, that is to say, in reducing of one half, the amount of standard gold ounces of said Sweep, we find that its value instead of being of 10.191 ounces is only of 5,095 ounces. From the Assay report of Mr. Millsprough, the value of said Sweep is of 4.316 ounces, leaving a difference of 00.779 ounces to be accounted for.

The cause of this difference is fully set forth in the accompanying letter of M. F. Bonzano Esq. Melter and Refiner of this Branch Mint, marked D. upon which I respectfully call the attention of the Superintendent.

It fully appears therefore from the foregoing facts and from the hereunto annexed Assay reports and letters of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner, that the Assay made by the late Dr Hort is to be reduced: 1st. of one half viz 5.095 ounces from the fact of his having used half gramme instead of gramme weights in making his Assay, and 2d. of 00.779 ounces for having, as stated by Dr Bonzano, "adopted the process for ordinary Sweeps" instead of the process employed by Mr Millsprough of fluxing down the whole of the grains in order to obtain the metal in form of a bar and taking his Assay pieces therefrom."

In as much as I cannot be held responsible for an error made in 1847 by the then Assayer of the Mint, the late Dr. Hort, I respectfully request that upon delivery to the Treasurer of 4.316 ounces Standard Gold, value of the remaining gold Sweeps of

1847 as per Apay report of Mr Millspaugh, I should be credited by him of 10.191 oz. dec Standard gold, value of said Sweep as per Apay report of the late Dr. Hart, of which amount I now stand debited; and that the account of "Profit and Loss on purchase of gold bullion" be charged of 5.875 oz. dec Standard gold, said amount being the difference between the Apay made by the late Dr Hart and Mr. Millspaugh.

Very respectfully
your obt. servant
A. J. Guion
Comer

Signed)

Chs Bienvenu Esqr.
Superintendent

A

U. S. Branch Mint
Apay Dep't
New Orleans Feby 25th 1857

I certify that the following is a correct copy of the statement of an Apay, made for the Comer from a small lot of gold sweep, as made and recorded by Dr Hart Deceased, late Apayer of this Branch Mint.

Copy

28th Dec. 1847

| | |
|---|---|
| Gross wt. of Sweep | 6.23 oz |
| Wt. of Button | 193 grains |

* Title of Gold Apay

* 7.72 : 628 :: 193 = 157000

157000 × 623 = 9781.00

$97811.00 \times 1042 = 10.191906200$

thus $\overset{\text{ors. dec}}{10.191}$ Std. gold, value $189.59

respectfully
Signed H. Millspaugh
Assayer

To A. J. Guirot Esqr
Coiner

B.

U. S. Branch Mint
Assay Dept
New Orleans Feb. 25th 1857

I certify that I have this day assayed for the Coinage a small bar of Gold, separated from a lot of gilder sweep, remaining in his department since the year 1847, the following is the fineness and value.

Gross Wt. Bar. $\overset{\text{ors. dec}}{6.84}$. Title 568 Mls. = $\overset{\text{ors. dec}}{4.316}$ Std. Val $80.29

Signed H. Millspaugh
Assayer

C.

U. S. Branch Mint
Assay Dept.
New Orleans Feby 25th 1857

A. J. Guiot Esqr. Coiner
Sir,

In reply to your enquiry respecting an assay of a small lot (6.23 lbs) of rich Sweep from the Coining Department, made by my predecessor the late Dr Hart deceased, I would state that on referring to the records of assays made in the year 1847, I find a Statement of the one referred to. On examining it, I perceive that an error has been made in calculating the value thereof, and evidently occasioned by weighing the Comet with the half grammes instead of the gramme weights, this at once accounts for the difference in value as per new report of Assay of the Sweep after its having been fluxed down, and that made by the late Dr. Hart.

Respectfully
Signed H. Millspaugh
Assayer.

D.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans,
Melter & Refiner's Office July 7th 1857

Sir

At your request I have examined the assay reports of the lot

of mixed grains remaining in your hands from the year 1847. I concur fully with the opinion expressed by our Assayer Mr. Millspaugh, as to the error committed by the late Assayer, Dr Hart, in calculating the result of his assay. It may not be out of place to state the rule adopted in calculating the value of Sweep. It is as follows: A button is obtained by fluxing together,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sweep | 5 | Troy ounces |
| Litharge | 5 | " " |
| Carbonate of potash | 6 | " " |
| Borax | 3 | " " |
| Common Salt | 1 | " " |

The button, containing much Lead from the reduction of the litharge, is cupelled and Separated much in the usual manner. By multiplying the weight of the remaining corn or powder, expressed in milligrammes, by the weight of the Sweep expressed in pounds avoirdupois, then by the factor 1042, and striking off Seven decimals, the number of Standard ounces of metal contained in the Sweep, will be obtained. (See the inclosed Sheet for an explanation of this arithmetical rule).

The error of Dr. Hart reduces the value of the grains to one half or 5.$^{oz}$3095, whilst by the Assay of Mr. Millspaugh they only contain 4.$^{oz}$3216 leaving 0.$^{oz}$3779 to be accounted for. By the report of Dr. Hart it appears that, though the lot was so small (6.$^{\#}$23), and contained so much metal, he adopted the process for ordinary Sweep usually containing $\frac{8}{1000}$ to $\frac{1}{1000}$ of an ounce of metal in the pound, whilst the lot of grains in question contain nearly 7/10 oz, or about 70. times as much.

It seems out of question to expect an accurate

result from the process employed by Dr. Hart, for the reason that the metal in this "rich Sweep", which should more properly be called "grains", was necessarily disseminated through the mass in particles of unequal and considerable size, and by taking out five ounces at random, the sample so taken could not possibly ~~be~~ represent the average of the whole. In the ordinary Sweep, containing as stated above, from $\frac{8}{1000}$ to $\frac{1}{1000}$ of an ounce of metal in the pound, the metallic particles are by the grinding and washing operations reduced to a State of such minute division, that even the largest would float in water possessing a certain degree of motion, and only subside after the water has been allowed to stand for some time.

The "grains" in consideration are what remained after washing away the Sweep, and were, improperly, called Sweep. It is plain that particles of metal that will sink in water may be of very various size and weight, whereas those that will float must necessarily have attained a minuteness, of which the limit depends upon the velocity imparted to the water, and the specific gravity of the metal.

The process employed by ~~Dr. Hart~~ Mr. Millspaugh, of flowing down the whole of the grains, in order to obtain the metal in the form of a bar, and of taking his assay-pieces therefrom, seems to me in every respect unexceptionable.

very respectfully
your obt. Servant
(Signed) W. T. Boman
Melter & Refiner

A. J. Guiot Esqr.
Comm. of the U.S. Branch Mint
N. O.

## Rule for calculating the value of Sweep.

The assay being made upon fine 3 troy, and the title expressed in milligrammes: Multiply the weight of the Sweep in pounds avirdupois, by the weight of the Comet in milligrammes, thus by 1042; Strike off Seven decimals, and the result will be the amount of Standard ounces contained in the Sweep.

The title expresses the quantity of fine in milligrammes, contained in fine troy ounces, or in 155.5 grammes.

Let $a$. represent the weight of the Sweep in pounds avirdupois,

$f$. the factor which will convert pounds avdp. into troy ounces

$m$. the title expressed in milligrammes

$g$. the number of grammes taken for assay

Then will $\frac{m}{g}$ be the number of milligrammes of fine in one gramme, $\frac{m}{g \times 0.9}$ the number of milligrammes of Standard Metal in one gramme, and therefore

$$af \times \frac{m}{g \times 0.9} = maf \times \frac{1}{g \times 0.9} = ma \times \frac{14.583}{155.5 \times 0.9}$$

= the Standard weight

Now $\frac{14.583}{155.5 \times 0.9} = \frac{14.583}{139.95} = 0.1042$

and consequently

$ma \times 0.1042 =$ Standd. weight.

If we multiply with the title and the factor 1042 as with whole numbers, we must of course strike off 3 decimals for the former and 4 for the latter, that is, Seven, in all.

sepm. M. F. B.

July 7th 1857.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, August 12th 1857.

Dear Sir,

I hope I will be excused for troubling you a moment about a subject which is of some importance to me.

When the repairs at this Branch Mint were commenced, Capt. Smith the then Superintendent, told me that whenever it should become necessary to enter any of the working rooms, or the rooms of the officers, notice would be given to the respective parties to enable them to remove whatever might be liable to destruction or damage. A few weeks after the commencement of the repairs, the workmen employed by Capt. Smith proceeded to pull down the chimney of my dwelling, not having the slightest knowledge of their intentions so to do, having received no notice; all my furniture remained in the rooms.

The first intimation I had of any work

on the chimneys being in proper up, was upon entering my rooms, and finding the floors covered with an enormous of soot, bricks and mortar.

I immediately informed Capt. Smith of what had taken place, showed him the rooms, whereupon he expressed great regret at the occurrence, and at the same time mentioned that he would see that the damage should be compensated by the government. I made every effort to have the carpets cleaned, but the soot of the chimney could not, by any means, be got out, and the carpets and four arm-chairs were, thus, rendered perfectly unserviceable to me; the lost amounting to 275 dollars.

Capt. Smith was perfectly convinced of the justice of my claim, and promised me to see that it would be allowed; but he left New-Orleans so suddenly to attend other duties at the north, that he must have neglected his promise.

I had a conversation about the matter with Capt. Duncan, the present Superintendent of Repairs, who also expressed his concurrence in the views of Capt. Smith, and is ready to testify to the justice of my claim.

I should, therefore, most respectfully, and I will confess most diffidently ask

of you, to call the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury upon that subject, and thus contribute to the success of my just claim.

By so doing, you will confer a most valuable favor on your very humble and grateful servant,

C. H. Newcomb
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans

Respecting damage
done to his premises during
repairs at Mint Branch

Aug 21. 1857

September 7th 1.

Sir.

I am at a loss to say in what manner you can be reimbursed for the injury done to your private furniture as stated in your letter of the 12th ult°; but if you present a detailed statement of the nature of the property and the amount of your loss accompanied by a certificate of the facts signed by the Superintendent of Repairs I will present the subject to the consideration of the Department.

It is an expenditure which cannot, I think, be thrown upon the ordinary fund of your branch of the ment; and I do not know whether the Secretary will deem it proper to direct its payment from the fund appropriated for repairs; so that it is highly probable your remedy will be getting a specific appropriation from the next Congress to cover your loss.

Very Respectfully
your obt. servant,
Saml Rob Mourdeu
Director of the Mint.

Charles Binoeuu Esq
Supt &c
Philadelphia.

To
C. Pinnara Esq
Supt Bellevue
New Orleans
La

Respecting Compensation
for Injury done to his
furniture

Sept 7, 1857

Oct-1, 1857.

# Grounds of Estimates of Expenditures at the Branch of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th. 1859.

## Estimated Means & Expenditures for the 4th Qr. of 1857, and the 1st & 2d Quarters of 1858.

### Means

| | | Dollars cts |
|---|---|---|
| Available balance in Treasurer's hands October 1st. 1857 | | 4.010 43 |
| Available appropriations undrawn | | 92.800 |
| Estimated Legal Deductions | | 500 |
| Total Means | | 97.310 43 |

### Expenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries of Officers & Clerks | $ 13.725. | |
| Wages of Workmen | " 26.907.82 | |
| Incd. & Cont. Expenses, including Fuel, Water, Gas, &c &c | " 28.477.61 | 69.110 43 |
| Difference being excess of Means over Expenses of Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1858 | | 28.200 |

The item of Salaries corresponds to the amount of its undrawn appropriation: the balance of $28.200. is therefore available for Wages of Workmen and the Incidental & Contingent Expenses, for the amounts of their respective unexpended appropriations, and is to go in reduction of the amount required for the next Fiscal Year.

It is not unreasonable to suppose that the repairs and alterations now being made in this Building, will be terminated by the 30th of June 1858, and that the Coining Department — in the full possession of all its apartments, and freed from the constant and continued interruptions and delays, which have so long and so materially interfered with its effectiveness, — will be prepared to work up any quantity of Bullion which

may be offered for Coinage.

The large amount of Silver brought annually to this City, warrant the opinion that not less than Three Millions of Dollars will be offered for Coinage. Taking then these figures as a basis for the Operations of the next Fiscal Year, the Expenditures for that period will not vary far from $ 96200

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Subtracting therefrom Legal Deductions | $ 500. | |
| And excess of Means over Expenses of current fiscal year | 28200 | 28,700 |

The amount to be asked for to cover the expenses of the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1859, will be, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For the half year ending Decr 31st 1858, including Wastage for the whole of the year 1858 | $ 35.550 | |
| and for the half year ending June 30. 1859 | " 31.950 | |
| Making Total amount of Requisition | | 67,500 |

Specification of Appropriations for the Ordinary Expenses of the Branch of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the Fiscal Year ending on the 30th of June 1859, Supplemental to "Grounds of Estimate" of said Branch Mint, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1859.

## Specification of Appropriations For the Fiscal Year ending June 30th. 1859.

| | | | Dollars |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st. Salaries of Officers & Clerks. | | | 18.300 |
| 2d. Wages of Workmen | $ 36.000 | | |
| Less amount unexpended | $ 7.700 | | 28,300 |
| 3d. Incidentals & Contingent Expenses | $ 40.100 | | |
| Less legal deductions | $ 500. | | |
| & amt unexpended | " 20.500. | $ 21.000 | 19.100 |
| 4th. Wastage for the Year 1858 | | | 1.800 |
| | | | 67.500 |

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans,
Treasurer's Office, October 1857.

J. Mary Brown
Treasurer

Jas. Brewer, Treasurer Branch Mint,
New Orleans, October 1857.

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Estimates of Appropriations,
for this Branch Mint, to meet
the Expenditures of the Fiscal
Year ending June 30th. 1859.

NEW ORLEANS – 1857

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 2d. September 1857.

Sir,

I send, herewith, the usual monthly Statements of Deposits & Coinage, and of Coins issued for specie, during August 1857.

Also the usual weekly Statement of the Condition of this Branch Mint.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
C. L. Norman
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From J. S.

to

C. Bienvenu Esq

Supt U. S. Mint

New Orleans

Assay Coins Reports

for August

Sept 10. 1857

Sept 10. 7.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst with the enclosures stated. also a package containing the assay coins of your branch for the month of August last.

Very Respectfully,

James Pollock

Director of the Mint.

Charles Bienvenu Esq
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans
La.

Sept. 7.

Sir,

I have examined the subject presented in your letter of the 22nd. ult. with the enclosed statement &. I fully concur in the opinion you express that the error in the amount charged to the Contractor should be corrected, and I see no objection to the mode of correcting the error as proposed by the Comptroller in his communication to you of the 14th. ult. In case any difficulty should occur at the accounting department at Washington in the adjustments of the accounts, a copy of the papers you sent to me will furnish a full and satisfactory explanation.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Charles Bienvenu Esq
Supt. Louisiana Branch Mint
New Orleans
La.

To

C. Pinsoneau Esq

Supt Bd Brs

New Orleans

La

Loss on bonnets sent to

Ad to Mc for Sale

Sept 7, 1857.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington Oct 2d 1857

Rec'd, *Phila.*, 2d 1857 11 o'clock, 13 min. A M.

To J R Snowden

Director of Mint

Dr Sir.

Please to inform the department by telegraph what amount of coined & uncoined Silver there is at the Mint & how much at New Orleans - is it expedient to purchase more at New Orleans &

At what rate write your views in full by Mail

Howell Cobb

Secy

46/112

O & S

Copy

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Oct 2. 1857

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City,

Sir, The amount of Silver coin in the Mint is two hundred and seventy two thousand dollars; Amount of uncoined Silver bullion is nine hundred and sixty six thousand dollars.

At the New Orleans Branch, one hundred and eighty six thousand dollars in Silver coin; and five hundred & Sixteen thousand dollars in uncoined Silver bullion.

Will write more fully by mail to day.

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Com To

Hon Howell Cobb.

See Treasury

T/D. Respecting
the Amount of Silver
Coin & bullion on hand
at the Mint and Branch
Mint New Orleans

Oct 2, 1857

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, October 2d 1857.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Statement of Deposits and Coinage, and Coins issued for pay for the month of September 1857. Abstracts of Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss, and Silver Purchase Profit & Loss, for the 3d Quarter of 1857, and Quarterly Returns of the Expenditures of this Branch Mint for the same period.

Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
C. Bonzano
Depy

Col. James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Sec
Supt Br Mint

New Orleans
La

Assay Coins & Reports
for September

Oct. 10, 1857

Oct. 6. 7

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. with the enclosures stated also a package containing the weekly Coins of your Branch for the month of September last.

I have not yet had the pleasure of receiving the returns for the fiscal year 1858-59. Be pleased to forward the same at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
A. E. Roberdeau
Director of the Mint.

Charles Bienvenu Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint, New Orleans.

October 2. 7

Sir,

I received near 12, o'clock to-day your despatch, to which I have replied stating the amount of Silver Coin, and Silver bullion, at the Mint, and at the branch at New Orleans. but to guard against any error in the Telegraph I repeat them here.

Amount of Silver Coin at the Mint of the U.S. $272,237.00
" " bullion uncoined and in process of Coinage $966,103.00
Total Silver Coin and bullion — $1,238,340.00

At the Branch Mint at New Orleans, on the 19th of September — the date of my last Report from thence —

Silver Coin at N.O. branch Mint $186,799.90
" bullion in process of coinage 516,945.99
Amt. of Coin & bullion at N.O. $703,740.89

Total at the Philad.a & New Orleans $1,942,085.89

In your telegraphic despatch you remark "Is it expedient to purchase more Silver at New Orleans, and at what rate? write your views in full by mail."

On this point I beg to refer you to my letter to the Department dated April 27th last, which you will please regard, in part, as an answer to your inquiry.

Heretofore the demand for silver Coins at New Orleans has not been great; and we have consequently found it necessary since the passage of the Act of Feb. 21, 1853 relating to silver coinage - to transfer, at the expense of the Government, upwards of four millions in value of silver bullion from hence to the Mint in this city. This shows that more was purchased there than was required, and that the price had put in: 122½ cents per ounce, was too much.

I adhere to the opinion expressed in the letter above referred to, that 121 cents per ounce at New Orleans is a sufficient price to enable that branch of the Mint to obtain as much silver as may be needed. If that price should be found insufficient it may hereafter, at your discretion, be increased.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

To
Sec Treasury

Amount of Coined &
Uncoined Silver at
the Mint & the Ass't Treas
Mint New Orleans &
Resumption of Silver
Purchases at N. O.

Oct 2 1879

Treasury Department
Oct 8th 1857

Sir

I duly received your telegraphic dispatch and your letter of the 2d explaining the state of the Silver Coin & Bullion at the Mint, and the New Orleans branch.

I am obliged by your views on the subject of further purchases of Silver Bullion at New Orleans, the urging of which on the Department rendered the information necessary.

Very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't

Howell Cobb
Secretary of Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Acknowledgement of my
letter in relation to further
Purchases of Silver
at the Branch Mint
New Orleans

Oct 5, 1857.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans Oct 13, 1857

Rec'd, Phila. Oct 14 1857 6 o'clock, 8 min. A M.

To J. R. Browder

Secretary W & Mins.

Estimate have been forward today

Chas. Bienvenu

Supt.

$230

425

Fm
Supt R. Mint
New Orleans

Estimates have
been forwarded

Oct 14, 1857

Treasury Department
Oct 6th 1857

Sir

Your telegraphic dispatch of yesterday as well as your letters of that date are received.

The occasion of my enquiry in regard to the purchase of Silver was two pressing applications - one from G. Newbold Esq of the Bank of America New York offering $250,000 Mexican dollars, to be delivered at the Assay office for payment in Gold Coin - the other from the Hon Johnson Slidell in behalf of Banks at New Orleans urging the purchase of $300,000 in Silver bullion to be paid for in gold coin. They have both been informed that the Department will purchase their silver to be delivered at the Assay office at New York, or the Mint at Phila at 122½ cts per Troy ounce of Standard fineness, payable in silver coins only at the convenience of the Mint according to your suggestion. Very respectfully your obed't Servt

Robt Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

Howell Cobb
Secretary of Treasury

From
The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Acknowledgt of $ 1/25
Letters of 5th inst
and State that Silver
if purchased by Assay
Office & Br. Mint
Stan Weights as to be

Paid in Silver
Coin at commerce
of the Mint

Oct 7. 1867

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington Oct 5 1857

Rec'd, Phila. Oct 5 1857 2 o'clock, 29 min. M.

To R. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

The Mint purchasing
Silver bullion at New
York; We are offered
two hundred & fifty
Thousand Mexican dollars. Is
it Expedient to buy
and at what Rate
Department is unwilling to
buy bullion unless needed

Send answer by telegraph

Howell Cobb
Sec of Treasy

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" NEW ORLEANS.....Under St. Charles Hotel.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans Oct 27th 1857

Rec'd, Phila. Oct 28 1857 12 o'clock, min. A M.

To James Ross Snowden

Secty of U. S. Mint

Please send immediately two hundred carboys of parting acid

Chas Bienvenu

Supt

9/230 Gn

8/5

From
Supt Branch
Mint New Orleans

Requesting 200
carboys Sulfuric
acid to be shipped

Acid ordered
by Mr Phillips

Oct 28, 1857

Oct 30. 7.

Sir,

Your telegraphic despatch of the 27th inst requesting 200 carboys of parting acid to be shipped to Your branch Mint was duly received.

The acid has been ordered and will be shipped without delay.

About $1350, will be required in addition to the Amount due Your Treasurer, to pay for the acid in question, and I have therefore, to request that You will make a requisition on the Treasury Department for that Amount.

I am very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Charles Bienvenu Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans

To
C. Bienvenu Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

200 Carboys Nitric
Acid ordered. —

Request him to make
a requisition in favor
for $1350

Oct 30. 1857 —

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Nov. 5th 1857.

Sir,

I send herewith, Statements of Deposits and Coinage and Coins assayed for Assay during the month of October last. The Assay Coins will be marked to-day.

Very Respectfully
your ob. Serv.
A. Feuchtwanger
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From & To
Supt & Br. Mint
New Orleans
La

(2 Letters)

Assay Coins & Monthly Report
for Oct. 1857
Also Requisition for
Dies for 1858.

Nov 13, 1857

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Nov. 5 1857.

Sir,

The following dies will be required for the Gold and Silver Coinage at this Branch Mint for the year 1858.

| Gold. | R. | — | R. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Double Eagle dies | 5 | — | 0 |
| Eagle " | 5 | — | 1 |
| Half Eagle " | 3 | — | 0 |
| Quarter Eagle " | 5 | — | 0 |
| Three Dollar " | 0 | — | 2 |
| One Dollar " | 0 | — | 5 |
| **Silver** | | | |
| Half Dollar dies | 12 | — | 5 |
| Quarter " " | 12 | — | 3 |
| Dimes " " | 10 | — | 0 |
| Half Dime " | 10 | — | 0 |
| | 67 | — | 17 |

Order taken by Superintendent Nov 13 1857

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.
C. H. Bonnaffon
Supt.

Col. James O. Green
Director U. S. Mint

Nov. 13, 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 8th inst. also a package containing the reserved coins of your branch of the Mint, for the month of October last.

The dies required for the use of your institution for the year 1858 are in course of preparation, and will be forwarded in due time.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Charles T. Pearsons Esq.
Superintendent Branch Mint
New Orleans.

C. M. U.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
Nov. 14th 1857.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith, for your proper action thereon, the official bond of Benjamin F. Taylor, as Coiner, Branch Mint at New Orleans, which, when done, be pleased to return to this office.

Respectfully,
Your.
W. Medill
Comptroller.

From S.
Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington

Official Bond of
Benjamin F. Taylor
Comer B. Mint
New Orleans

Received & Returned
on a/c of informality

Nov. 16. 1857.

Nov 16th. 7

Sir,

The bond of Benjamin F. Taylor which you enclosed to me in depositions in favor, the date of the Commission is not given, however, as the appointment has been made in the interim, the words "has nominated and by and with the advice of the Senate" ought to be struck out, and the words "until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States and no longer" inserted after the word "bond," being.

I enclose the bond and papers for your consideration.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your obt servant,

James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Wm Medill
Comptroller
Treasury department,
Washington City.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Nov. 17th 1857.

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Statement of the condition of this Branch Mint at the close of the week ending Nov. 14th 1857.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
Ch. Bienvenu
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.
17 Nov

Enclosing Merkey
Statement

Nov 24. 1857.

- C. M. Co -

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office.
Nov. 18. 1857.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, returning a bond of R. F. Taylor, Esq. appointed Coiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, enclosed to you in the letter of this Office of the 14th inst; and to inform you that said bond has been returned to Mr. Taylor, with a corrected form. —

Since the reception of your letter, the Hon.ble Secretary of the Treasury has referred to this Office a letter from Logan McKnight, Esq. appointed Superintendent of the above-named Mint, enclosing his official bond. — The same defect as was shown to exist in the bond of Mr. Taylor, occurring in this, it has been returned. —

This Office greatly regrets the trouble to which

these gentlemen will be subjected in a re-execution of their bonds, as it proceeded from an oversight therein, and not from any error on their part.—

I am, very respectfully,

Your obt. Servant,

W. Mc Kee

Comptroller.

From
Comptroller of
the Treasury
Washington

State that Benj
of Benj A Taylor
Comr Pr. Mint
New Orleans, has
been sent to him
with a corrected
form

Nov. 09, 1837

Treasury Department
Nov. 22. 1854

Sir

By a return received this Morning from N. Orleans it appears that the Treasurer of the Branch Mint has on hand over $8000000 of Silver Bullion. As the Coinage at N. Orleans proceeds so slowly it is proposed by the Department to transfer about $2.000.000 of this Bullion to Philadelphia for Coinage. I would be pleased to have your views in the matter.

Under existing circumstances it may become necessary to withdraw the whole of the Bullion from the Mint & Assay Office to meet the exigencies of the Government. In view of this state of things I will thank you to cause all purchases of bullion to be discontinued at the Mint & Assay Office and Branch Mint to be advised accordingly. Parties making deposits for Coinage

Mint

wait for payment until the bullion can be converted into coin.

You will be pleased, also, to cause all the bullion on hand to be coined as rapidly as practicable.

There is a large amount of One Dollar Gold pieces in the hands of the Assistant Treasurers & Depositaries. These coins must be put into circulation as rapidly as possible and to effect this it is proposed to distribute them amongst the various depositaries. At least $2000 of them will be transferred to the Mint, to be re-assorted and adjusted as soon as it can be done, & such transferred to the Assistant Treasurer to be circulated. The balance will be distributed unless it is deemed by you desirable that they also, should be first subjected to examination at the Mint.

I am very Respt.
Your obt. Servt.
Dec. of the Treasury

D. R. Brewerton Esq.
Assay of the Mint

From & To The Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Transfer of $700,000 in Silver
Bullion from Br. Mint
New Orleans to the mint

Withdrawal of the Bullion
Fund &c

Nov. 24. 1837

Nov. 24th 7

Sir,

I have received to-day your favor of the 24th inst.

It seems quite desirable, as stated by you, that a portion of the Silver bullion at New Orleans should be transferred to the mint for coinage. I therefore concur in the opinion you express that about $700,000 of it be transferred. The last weekly statement I received from that branch of the mint was dated November 7th, and exhibited the following amt of bullion on hand at that date; viz: in Coin $455,103.90; in bullion $855,271.47; total silver, $1,310,375.37.

I regret to learn that "it may become necessary to withdraw the whole of the bullion funds from the Mints and the Agency offices". Whilst it is certainly proper that the convenience of depositors should yield to the requirements of the Treasury, yet there are some points connected with this subject which it is hoped should bring to your notice.

1. In the banking or depositing process a certain amount of Silver bullion is required. I believe you understand this, but perhaps a brief explanation may be useful. The

native gold bullion contains a proportion of silver, (from California about 10 per cent) the small amount of silver is protected by the gold from the action of the nitric acid used in parting; hence it is necessary to melt the gold bullion with about three times its weight of fine silver, after which it is granulated, and being subjected to the acid the whole of the silver is dissolved and held in solution, and the gold subsides in the bottom of the jars. It is therefore necessary that the different establishments should have a sufficient amount of silver to be used as a material in the parting process. This amount I will present in a summary at the conclusion.

2. The chemical apparatus is arranged in the principal mints, and at the Assay Office, for refining quantities of gold, and we never undertake less than $50,000 at a time. The demand to do small quantities at a time would involve an expense and time-consuming change of the mechanical arrangements of the refinery. Hence we cannot keep depositors immediately, or operate upon the bullion immediately, but must wait for the accumulation, and then on a small

bullion funds of say $50,000 in gold is required for that purpose.

3. When the gold is refined and converted into standard metal to be rolled, cut, milled adjusted and stamped, the Coin cut out from that metal is only equal to one half the value of the bullion; and the balance must be returned to the Melter & Refiner, to be remelted, and then returned to the Coiner to be rolled and cut &c to the extent of one half as before, and so on.—

These remarks apply equally to Silver — Hence, a considerable time must elapse before all the metal of a deposit is returned in the shape of Coin — say a month or thereabouts, so that an additional amount of gold and silver will be required in order not to withhold the Coin too long from the depositors.

Moreover since economy and expediency demand that we should operate in melting, refining and Coining upon masses of bullion, it is impossible to know where any separate deposits are during the operations, so as to pay the depositor the same metal which he deposited.

From this consideration I hope you may be able to leave undrawn, the following named amounts at the

institutions hereinafter named, viz:

| | Legal Tenders | Gold |
|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | for refining | $150,000 |
| " | waiting to refine a sufficient quantity | 50,000 |
| " | waiting for return of Coin | 25,000 |
| New York | for refining | 150,000 |
| " | waiting to refine a sufficient quantity | 50,000 |

San Francisco, same as Philadelphia
New Orleans same as Philadelphia

The amounts at all the institutions would be Legal Tenders $675,000; Gold $275,000; Total $950,000.

This is the lowest amounts that those establishments can well get along with, and even with this bullion fund depositors will have to wait sometime before receiving Coin.

I have not included the branches at Dahlonega and Charlotte because the amount they have on hand is quite small and I hope they will not be disturbed.

If you concur in these views you may still be able to withdraw all that exceeds the above sums, and hereafter, if in your judgment it becomes necessary to reduce them further, you can so order it.

I have deemed it proper to express these views before giving the notices which you indicate in your letter,

In carrying into effect your arrangements respecting the distribution of the Gold dollars now in the Office of the Asst. Treasurer at New-York, it will not be necessary to send them to the Mint for examination. They have been examined carefully when taken in that office as they would be here. The expense of sending them here may therefore be avoided, and the transfer made directly from that Office.

In Conclusion I beg to add that I will carry into effect your instructions respecting the Coinage, by causing it to be performed as rapidly as possible.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful obt servant,

James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Nov. 23. 7.

Sir,

Herewith please find enclosed a statement of the Amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Hamlin Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

To, The Secretary of the Treasury

Enclosing daily Statement
Com't Bureau

Nov. 23, 87

Statement of
Working days for
1888. sent to B
Innis den Allen &
Nov. 27. 1887.

Statement of Working dies for the Year 1838 forwarded to the Branch Mint New Orleans Nov 27, 1837.

The box containing as follows.

Gold

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4 Double Eagle Heads | marked | 1, 2 |
| 6 Eagle 3 Heads 3 Reverses | " | 7, 8, 9 |
| 2 Three Dollars Reverses | marked | 10 |
| 3 Quarter Eagle Heads | | 11, 12 X |
| 3 Gold Dollar Reverses | | 13 12 X |

Silver

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8 Half Dollar 4 Heads 4 Reverses | | 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 8 Quarter Dollar 5 " 3 " | | 14, 15, 16, 17 |
| 4 Dime | Heads | 18, 19 |
| 4 H. Dime | " | 20. 21 |

In all 42 Working dies

( Signed ) James B Longacre
Engraver

Nov. 27. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a Statement of working dies for the year 1858 for your branch of the Mint, forwarded to you to-day per Adams Express Co.

Very respectfully,

Saml. R. Chandler.

Director of the Mint.

Charles T. Pinsenau Esq.

Supt Br. Mint,

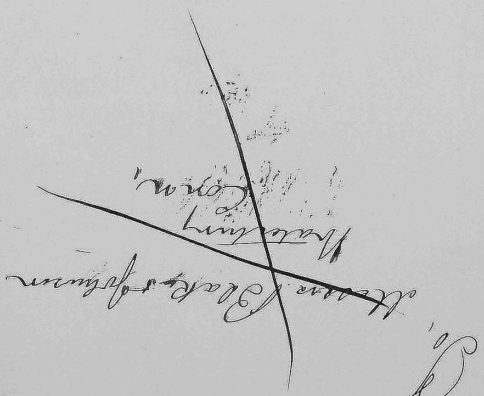
New Orleans,

La.

Dr
Charles Brenneman Esq
Supt Br. Mint
Stn Orleans

Enclosing Statement
of dies (for 1838) sent
to him this day per
Express

Nov 27, 1837



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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans Nov 28th 1857

Rec'd, Phila., Dec 2 1857 11 o'clock, 20 min. A M.

To Muro Phillips

Chemist

Ship the remaining
Acid by the first
Opportunity —

Chas Bienener
Supt

8/2 30

Rec'd this afternoon I left you this morning
Muro Phillips

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans Nov 28th 1857

Rec'd, *Phila.*, Dec 2 1857 11 o'clock 15 min. M.

To James Ross Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

Please order three hundred Carboys of acid more

Respt Bienvenue

Supt

8/230

Dmr

Dec 2. 7.

Sir,

The 300 additional carboys of Nitric Acid requested in your telegraphic despatch of the 28th ult: (received this morning) have been ordered, and will be shipped without delay.

On the 30th of October last, I wrote you that about $1352, in addition to the Amount due from Treasury, would be required to enable me to pay for the 200 carboys of Nitric Acid ordered for your branch on that day, and requested you to make a requisition on the Department in my favor for that Amount. Up to the present time I have heard nothing on the subject.

The 300 carboys now ordered will cost

about $3,600, and I have to request that You will make a requisition on the Department in my favor for the Amount just stated, and include therein, the Amount asked for in my Letter of 31st October last, (if a requisition has not already been made for the same,) to enable me to pay for the work in question.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

Charles Brenham Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

To
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans
La

Order - 300 carboys
nitric acid.
Desire requisition
to be made in my
favor for amount
of same

Dec 2, 1857.

Supt despatch endorsed
hereon

Dec 2. 7.

Dear Sir,

You will please ships to the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, 300 carboys of nitric acid, in addition to the 200 carboys ordered a few weeks since.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Wm Phillips Esq
Acid Manufacturer
Phila.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec. 1. 1857.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 30th ult.o exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer viz:

At the Mint, Philadelphia, as examined, the 30th ult.o there was on hand, of Coin, Bullion, and

To
Mon Phillips

Order for 2 or carry
with Acct for
Pr. Mms N. O.

Dec 2, 1837.

Dec 3. 7.

Sir.

I have received your favor of the 2nd inst enclosing the official bond of Logan McKnight Esq, as superintendant of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which I have certified it to my satisfaction, and herewith return to the Department.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant.

Samm Ralchanden

Director of the Mint

Hon M. Meredith,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

E. Mint

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
December 2d. 1857.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

Herewith enclosed I transmit, for your proper action, the official bond of Logan McKnight, Esq. Superintendent appointed of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.—

I am, respectfully,
Your ob. Servant.
W. Medill
Comptroller.

From & To
Hon W. Medill
Comptroller
Treasury Department

Official Bond
of Logan McKnight
Sup Bx Mint
New Orleans

Dec 3. 1857.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 3, 1857.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 2nd inst enclosing the official bond of Logan McKnight, Esq. as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which I have certified is to my satisfaction

JR

To
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
N Y

Instructions as to
Form of Bullion
Statement

Dec 4. 1857.

Dec 6, 7.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th inst enclosing the official bond of Benjamin F. Taylor Esq. as Coiner of the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, which I have certified it to my satisfaction and herewith return to the Department.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Samm Rop Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. W. Medill,
Comptroller.
Treasury Department,
Washington.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
Dec. 4th 1857.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for your proper action, the official bond of Benj.a F. Taylor, Esq.r appointed Cashier of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, La.

I am, respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,
W. Medill
Comptroller.

From J. D.
Asst. W. Medill
Comptroller
Washington

Official Bond of
Benj. F. Baylor
Comm. Br. Mint
San Francisco

Dec 8. 1857

Dec 25, 7.

Sir,

The Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans advised me under date of 11th inst. that he had made a requisition on the Department in my favor for $4,900, to enable me to make payment for parting acid recently shipped to that institution at his request. As I have heard nothing further on the subject, I beg to call Your attention to the Superintendents requisition and request that You will be pleased to cause a draft for the above amount to be sent to me as soon as convenient.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To

Sec Treasury

In relation to requisition
of Supt of Branch
Mint New Orleans
for $4,950 to pay
for coin

Dec 28, 1852

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Dec'r 4. 1857.

Sir,

I send herewith, the monthly Statement of Deposits & Coinage and Coins issued for specy during last month, together with the Statements asked for, in your letter of the 10th. ult.

The specy Coins will be forwarded to-day.

Very Respectfully
your ob.t serv.t
Chas Mintrum

P.S. It is with regret that I have to inform you that our official intercourse will be at an end on the 31st. day of this month, the President having thought proper to appoint a successor in my place. However, the kind feelings expressed towards me by you as a superior officer and a friend will be for ever a sweet recollection that I have always done my duty to the satisfaction of the Department and have merited your friendship.

Mr. Logan McKnight my successor, I am happy to say is a perfect gentleman, a true citizen and bold Democrat, commanding the respect

the friendship and the duration of all those who are acquainted with him.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Serv.t
Ch. Brewerton
Asp.t

Col. James B. Barnes
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Charles L Bienvenu Esq

Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans
La

Assay Com's
Report for the
1857.—

Retirement of
Mr Bienvenu from
Office of Supt &c—

Dec 12, 1857—

Dec 12, 7.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th inst with the enclosures stated and also two packages containing the assay coins of your branch assayed during the month of November.

Very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Charles Parsons Esq,
Supt Assay Office
New Orleans.

Dec. 12

Portsmouth.

Dear Sir

I most cordially congratulate you upon your safe arrival in your native land, that ever dear spot of this Earth. I will now obtain the most timely recollection of our agreeable intercourse. I notice the kind words you say of your successor, Mr. M'Knight, and I have no doubt I shall find him be what you so cordially represent.

My best wishes attend you in your determination for the public service.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Dec. 11th 1857.

Sir,

I have received yesterday your letter of the 2d inst, and I was much surprised to see that nothing had been done yet concerning the requisition made by me on the Department in your favor for the sum of $1350, to pay the 200 Carboys of Nitric Acid ordered by me for this Branch Mint.

To avoid any delay, I have this day made a requisition on the Department not only for the sum of $1350, already stated, but including the sum of $3.600, amount due for the 300 Carboys ordered last; making in all the sum of $4950.

Please inform me of the receipt of this amount in order that it may be entered upon the books of the Treasurer.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Serv.
Chs. Nieuwerra
Dep.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

From ~~Lo~~
The Supt of Branch Mint
New Orleans
11th Dec

Advises me of
requisition for draft
to pay for coals

Dec 19, 1857

Dec 19. 7

Sir.

Enclosed please find a statement of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the bullion fund, at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Hovell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 19. 1857.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your favor of the 19th inst

My Dear Sir

My Lo

To
The Sec Treasury

Com't Pacific Statement

Dec 19, 1837—

Treasury Department
29th December 1857.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 28th inst. on the subject of a Requisition from the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in favor of the Mint at your place for $4950.-

In reply thereto I have to state that I have this day issued a Warrant in favor of Danl Sturgeon Treasr. of U. S. Mint for that sum, payable from the appropriation for incidental & contingent expenses of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, with which Mr Sturgeon will be charged and held accountable.-

Very respectfully
Yr. obedt. servt.
Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia,
Penn.

From
Sec Treasury

Draft for $4,950
in favor of Treas. Mint
a/c Branch Mint
New Orleans

Dec 30. 1837

Dec 31. 7.

Dir,

I have to inform you that the Treasurer of the Mint has received a draft from the Treasurer of the United States, for the amount of your requisition, viz: $4.950, payable from the appropriation of your branch Mint for incidental and contingent expenses, with which he has been charged and instructed to account for to the Department.

The no. of the draft is 4939. — The proceeds of the same will be applied in payment of bills for parting acid shipped to Your branch Mint.

Very Respectfully,

Saml Roh Knowden

Director of the Mint.

Charles L Bienvenu Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans La

To
Supt Bk Mint
New Orleans
La

Inform him of
receipt by the Treas.
of the Mint of draft
for $4,950 on
a/c his Bk Mint

Dec 31, 1853

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Dec. 30th 1857.

Sir,

I close my official dues and correspondence with you, by forwarding the Statement of Deposits and Coinage, and Coins returned for Assay for the month of December 1857; Abstracts of Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss and Silver Purchase Profit & Loss for the 4th Quarter of 1857 and Melter and Refiner's and Coiner's Account of Bullion for the year 1857.

My friend and successor Mr. Logan M. Wright takes charge of the Mint to-morrow.

I am, Dear Sir, your friend and obt. serv.

Chs. Morrow
Supt.

Col. James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Chas. Brennan Esq
Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

January 1868

Transmits Statements
and Abstracts of Coins for
December. — Also
retirement from
Office of Supt.

Jan 6, 1868.

Law 6th 8

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30th ult. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch of the Mint for the month of December last.

Very Respectfully,
Sam. Ros. Chowden.
Director of the Mint.

Charles Pierseau Esq.
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Dec. 31. 1857.

Sir,

Please find inclosed the Statement of the Expenditures at this Branch Mint during the fourth Quarter of 1857.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Serv.
Chs. Weaver
Supt.

Col. James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
The Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

Expenditures Br
Mint New Orleans
4th Quarter 1837

Jan 7. 1838.

NEW ORLEANS – 1858 (CONT.)

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan 7. 1858.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a statement from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, exhibiting the expenditures of that institution during the 4th quater of 1857.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect.

Your faithful servant.

Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

To
The Sec. Treasury

Expenditures
B. Mint New Orleans
4th Qr 1857.

Jan 7. 1858

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 4th January 1858.

Sir:

Enclosed please find statement of the condition of Branch Mint U. S. at New Orleans for close of week ending 25th Jany 1858 as reported by A. J. Guirot Teller.

In entering on the discharge of the duties of this Office I will take pleasure in receiving from you such suggestions as you may from time to time, think proper to make to increase the efficiency of this Branch & your Department.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm. M. Knight
Supt.

James R. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

As to fuse see Gray

From Logan McKnight Esq
Supt R. Mint
New Orleans

Enclosing
Weekly Statement
& informs me of having
assumed the duties
of Supt

Jan 11, 1838.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 8th January 1858.

Sir:

All the dies asked for by my predecessor, under date of 5th Inst. not being received at the Branch Mint, I am desired by Dr R. J. Taylor, Coiner of this Branch, to ask that the following dies be transmitted to me, in case none others have been sent since yours of 5th Inst.

| Silver | H | R |
|---|---|---|
| Halves | 12 | 0 |
| Quarters | 4 | 0 |
| Dimes | 2 | 0 |
| Half Dimes | 2 | 0 |

| Gold | H | R |
|---|---|---|
| Half Eagles | 3 | 0 |

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Very Resp.

Your Obt. Servt

Logan M. Knight

Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

From
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

Requisition for
dies.

Jan 23. 1855

Treasury Department
Jan 8. 1858.

Sir

I enclose for your consideration a letter received from the Assistant Treasurer at N. Orleans in relation to the Circulation of Gold dollars at N. Orleans.

I am very Resp[ectfully]
Your obt
Sec of the Treasury

J. N. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From Jno
Hon Howell Cobb
Secretary Treasury
Washington

Jan 10. 1859.

Enclosing for my consideration a Communication from Ass't Treas. U. States at New Orleans in relation to amount of gold dollars in circulation in that City &c

Office of the Asst. Treas. of the United States.

New Orleans December 31st 1858.

Sir.

From notices of forthcoming drafts issued on this Depository, and the impossibility of applying to their payment the proceeds of sales of transfer drafts on New York, as long as bills on the North will not command a premium. I am inclined to believe that remittances of Gold Coins, may, probably, before long, be made by the Department to this office. Should this be the case I would respectfully suggest that the Assistant Treasurer, at New York, be requested not to send here, if possible, any gold Dollars. Four hundred thousand dollars of that denomination of coins have been received at this Office from New York since the month of April last, which sum, added to the amount of gold dollar pieces, held at the time by the New Orleans Banks, and to those received by them since from other quarters, has increased the circulation of that denomination of coin to such an extent, that several of our City Banks refuse to take them on deposit, and decline to receive, for collection. Government drafts and Checks of Disbursing Agents, for fear of receiving, at this office, gold dollars in part payment of the same.

Our city Banks having, moreover, for some time past, adopted as a rule, to settle the weekly balances of their mutual indebtedness in double Eagle pieces, in-

variably pay in gold dollars, all checks of our merchants, having duties to pay at the Custom house, Subjecting thereby, our merchants to much inconvenience, and loss of time, in receiving that denomination of Coin from the Banks, and in paying the same at the Customhouse

The circulation of gold dollars, in this City, is, at least, of One million of dollars; this is more than required by our community, which has a decided dislike for that denomination of coin and only takes them — although a legal tender — when obliged to do so.

Believing, as I do, that further transmissions of gold dollar pieces to this Depository ought to be suspended, if possible, I have taken the liberty to submit the matter to your consideration

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant
(Signed) A. J. Guirot.
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington.

Jan. 10. 9.

Sir

As requested in your favor of the 8th inst. I have considered the letter of the Appl. Treas. at New Orleans in reference to the circulation of the gold dollars in that City.

From the reasons stated by Mr. Guiot, the Appl. Treas. it is advisable that you should direct the Appl. Treas. at New-York not to send gold dollars to New Orleans as they have a superabundance of that Coinage on hand.

The discrediting of this Coin by the Banks is one of the fruits of our pernicious banking system. Whenever small notes are issued, or circulated, the efforts of the banks are directed against the circulation of such of the Coins of the U. States as conflict with their notes. And if any are sent to any

that Government officers are very much disposed to avoid the labor of counting small coins, and hence to encourage the use of the double eagle only because it suits their personal convenience best.

At New York both these causes have led to the accumulation of a large amount of gold dollars in the Assistant Treasury.

As we have no power to apply remedies against the evils of a small note circulation, we must necessarily suit our Coinage to the actual demands of depositors. The last year, the whole Coinage of Gold dollars at all the Mints amounted only to $230,000. I wish continue to restrict the Coinage of that denomination to the actual demand. At present we have at the Mint only $10,000, and in the Asst. Treasury here, $4,000.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Jan 9. 5.

Sir,

I forward to you to-day per Adams Express Co. the following working dies for the use of your branch Mint for the year 1855, viz:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Half Eagle | Heads | Granite | 22.28 |
| 2 | Quarter Eagle | do | " | 24 |
| 2 | Half Dollar | do | " | 25 |
| 2 | Quarter Dollar | do | " | 26 |
| 2 | Dime | do | " | 27 |

(In all 12 working dies)

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Charles Peirsons Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La.

To

Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

Remaining dies for

1838.

Jan 9. 1838.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Janʸ 11th 1858

Sir

Indorsed please find the usual statement of the condition of this Branch for the week ending 8th Inst.

I have ordered this Dr Bonzano Stella Napoleon, for his Department, of Messrs Phillips one of Dimpfels Patent Saw blowers - containing seventy dollars, and I am ordered the bill to be presented to you for payment, which you will please do, out of the Incidental fund to our credit in your hands.

Very respectfully

Wmᵉ C. Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

Payment for
Patent Jan
Seven orders
through Wm Phelps

Dec 20, 1839

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 11th January 1858.

Hon James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed please find statement of condition of the Branch Mint U.S. at N.O. for week ending January 9th 1858.

Very Respt

Yr ob servt
Coyam Knight
Supt.

From Logan McKnight Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans
La

Lawsuit Whatley
Statement

Law 23. 1884.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 16th January 1858.

Sir:

Yours of 6th and 9th inst are to hand.

You will please order for the use of this Branch Mint of Phoenix Mfg Co Taunton Mass: following sizes of Black Lead Crucibles and Covers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 300 | Black Lead Crucibles | ~~No 30~~ |
| 300 | " " " | ~~No 40~~ |
| 500 | " " " | ~~No 4~~ |
| 200 | Black Lead Covers | ~~No 30~~ |
| 200 | " " " | ~~No 40~~ 75 |
| 300 | " " " | ~~No 10~~ |
| 300 | " " " | ~~No 6~~ |
| 200 | Black Lead Ponring Crucibles | |
| 500 | Black Lead Stirrers | |
| Two | Casks of Hessian Crucibles - of large sizes only. | |

105
105
210
20
230
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Respectfully Your obt servt
Lovell H Knight
Supt:

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Ordered Jan 28th 58
Wm B Phillips.

From
The Supt of
the Mint
New Orleans

Order for Black Seal
Pds &c

Jan 28. 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Jany 25 1858.

Sir:

Enclosed please find statement of the condition of this Branch Mint for the week ending Jany 22d 1858.

I have this day received Adams Express the box of dies heretofore advised by you - containing as per receipt of Coiner:

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 Heads | Halves |
| 2 " | Quarters |
| 2 " | Dimes |
| 4 " | Half Eagles |
| 2 " | Quarters |

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Lojard McKnight

Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director
Mint U. S. Philadelphia

From
Logan McKnight Esq
Supt R R Bridge
New Orleans

February 1858
Act Navy Dept
Aid

Feb. 1. 1858.

Copy

Branch Mint of the U. States
New Orleans. Treas. Office
Jan 18. 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that after due consideration I have deemed advisable to appoint Messrs Martin ~~Kennedy~~ Gerard Kennedy as Chief Clerk, Oscar Simard as Assistant Clerk and Marcelin Esnard as Weigher in my Office. Said appointments to take ~~effect~~ place from and after the 1st inst the day upon which they severally entered upon the discharge of their duties.

The appointment of these gentlemen whom I know to be honest, capable and faithful to the Constitution is respectfully submitted to your approbation and that of the Hon the Sec of the Treasury.

I have sent herewith the Bonds furnished and the oath taken and subscribed by each of said Clerks respectively which I trust will be found to have been executed in due form of law.

The Sureties given are personally known to me as men of ~~Reputed~~ kind of unimpeachable character.

The Bonds required were not transmitted sooner on account of sickness of Hon

Hon J. A. Mc Call A.U.S. Assistant Treasurer
Hon Geo Sanders Esq
Solicitor

Copy

From Treas. Dept Mint
New Orleans
La

Nominating clerks
+ desiring approval
of Sec Treasury
thereto.

Jan 26. 1858.

Mint Jan 26th 8.

Sir

I send you to-day per steamer 66 Express the following working dies for the use of your branch Mint, viz:

5 Half Dollar Heads
5 Quarter " "
2 Half Dime "

Your order for Hackhead cruzados will receive early attention.

Very Respectfully,
Sam Ros Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Logan McKnight Esq,
Asst Treasurer Mint,
New Orleans,

To,
Supt P.O. Dept
New Orleans
La.

Transmitting Abstract

Jan 26. 1885.

Jan. 26th. 8

Sir

I herewith transmit to the Department a letter from the Treasurer of the branch Mint at New Orleans announcing the appointment of the Treasurer's Clerks at that Institution, and requesting your approval of the appointments as required by the Joint Res. approved March 3. 1857, and 1st Sess. 34th Congress.

The nominations are as follows:

Martin Scanlon [illegible] as Chief Clerk,
Wm. A. Brand " as Assistant Clerk
Gilbert Brand " as Weigher,

These designations are irregular except the first. By law the Treasurer at New Orleans is allowed a "Chief Clerk" and the "Clerks". It is inaccurate to designate either of the latter as an "Assistant Clerk" or a "Weigher". They are simply Clerks, and will perform such duties as the Supt. of the Branch Mint may prescribe.

I notice no objection to the nominations, but I do not know of any objection to the appointments of Wm. A. Brand and Gilbert Brand.

Regarding no other recommendation with the accompanying bonds, than that of preparing and executing the bonds, the clerks in question have already incurred upon the discharge of the duties appertaining thereto.

I therefore recommend (if this appointment is satisfactory to you) that you approve the appointment of Mr. Martin Gordon Kennedy as chief clerk; and that I be requested to state to the Treasurer the inaccuracy into which he has been inadvertently led.

If Mr. Kennedy's appointment is approved, I wish only that his bond is to my satisfaction and transmit it to the Department.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Hon. Howell Cobb. James Pollock
Secretary of the Treasury. Director of the Mint
Washington City

To

The Sec Treasury

Enclosing letter from
Treasurer Br. Mint
at New Orleans
nominating blanks

Jan 26. 1858.

Treasury Department
January 27 1858

Sir,

Yours of the 26th has been received together with the letter from the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans which accompanied it announcing the appointment of his clerks. The Department approves of the nominations of Martin Gordon Kennedy as Chief Clerk, and of Oscar Esnard and Marcelin Esnard as clerks.

You will be pleased to inform the Treasurer of the Branch Mint of the inaccuracy of which he has fallen in nominating the two last named gentlemen as Assistant Clerks and Weigher, and to return their bonds for correction.

I am, Very Respectfully
Norvell Cobb
Sect. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden. Esq
Director of Mint.
Philadelphia

From Sec Treasury

approving of nomination
of Martin Jordan Kennedy
as Chief Clerk & Oscar Emanuel
& Marcelin Esnard as
clerks to Secs Office
Mint New Orleans

Jan 28. 1858.

Land 25. 8.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th inst announcing the appointment of four clerks and requesting the approval of the same by the Secretary of the Treasury, has been received together with the bonds enclosed therein.

The nominations of Martin Gordon Kennedy as Chief Clerk, and of Oscar Lonard and Marcelin Lonard as Clerks, have received the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

By law you are allowed a "Chief Clerk" and two "Clerks". In designating one of the latter as an "Assistant Clerk" and the other as a "Weigher" you have inadvertently fallen into inaccuracy. They are simply Clerks and should be so designated in their bonds.

I have certified the bond of Martin Gordon Kennedy, as Chief Clerk, to be to my satisfaction and transmit

the same to the Department.

The bonds of Messrs Durant and Conard are herewith returned for the necessary correction

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Director of the Mint.

A. J. Guiot Esq
Treasurer, U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.
La.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 185

187 50
50 00
237 50
102
$135 50

S.
Treasury Dr Mint
New Orleans

Returning Bonds of Messrs
Brand & Brand for
correction

Jan 28. 1858.

Jan 28 57

Sir

Your favor of the 27th inst. approving of the nominations of Martin Gordon Kennedy as Chief Clerk and of Owen Conard and Marcella Conard as Clerks to the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans has been received

I will write to the Treasurer of the above Branch Mint to-day and return the bonds of Messrs Guard & Conard for correction.

The bond of Martin Gordon Kennedy as Chief Clerk I have certified to be to my satisfaction and herewith transmit the same.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington

To Sec Treasury

Transmit with my approval bond of Martin Jordan Kennedy Chief Clerk U.S. Assay Office New Orleans

Jan 28. 1858.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Jan 28. 1858.

Sir.

You will please ship, to the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, the following sizes of Black Lead crucibles and covers, manufactured at Taunton Mass, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 300 | Black Lead Crucibles | No 30 |
| 300 | " " " | No 40 |
| 500 | " " " | No 4 |
| 200 | Black Lead Covers | No 30 |
| 200 | " " " | No 40 |
| 300 | " " " | No 10 |
| 300 | " " " | No 6 |
| 200 | Black Lead Pouring Crucibles | |
| 500 | Black Lead Stirrers | |

Two casks of Hessian Crucibles — of large sizes only.

When the above articles shall have been shipped You will present Your bill (with Bills of Lading) to me for settlement.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Mr Mon Phillips
Manufacturer of heavy &c

To
Messrs Phillips & Co
Phila

Order for Black Snake
Dolly for B. Mint
New Orleans

June 28. 1854.

Jan. 18, 8

My dear Sir,

I enclose a letter to you which came, under cover to me this morning.

The package of papers marked "A." you will please hand to the Supt at San Francisco. They are papers which I send in response to a subpoena issued by the U.S. Court. I would be glad if you would mention this fact to Judge Hoffman of that Court.

I also send you copies of other letters and papers for your use, which, you and Genl Wheaton will please to let (I think)

communicable to you.

I most earnestly hope that you and your colleagues may have a safe and pleasant journey to San Francisco; and a safe return from there, after you have performed the important duties enjoined you by the Department.

I am, with great respect,
Your ob't Serv't

James Rob. Chandler

Hon. H. J. Anderson,
Raleigh
North Carolina.

P. C.

I send you the
remarks of Prof. Boeke
explanatory of the Plates
of outlines and flow,
and in lieu of the
botallization of proof.
The Plates are seen
by a young man with
an experience, can
thus be sufficient to
locate the furnaces to
the checker on Brotli
arrangement of the Augite.

[illegible]

Mint of the United States,
Philada. Jan. 30. 1858.

Sir,

For the purpose of bringing to your attention a superior kind of borax I have caused to be shipped to your Branch of the Mint (per Schr. Andrew Henderson) 5 kegs of refined, dried, fused and coarsely ground borax which we have found a superior article for melting refined gold; because, as it contains no water of crystalization it cannot occasion any loss of gold by volatilization in the melting pot. The Melter and Refiner of your Branch can make a trial of it and if you think proper to use it hereafter in melting fine gold I will cause it to be supplied to you. At the Mint, and at the Branch at San Francisco (for some months past) it is used, to the entire exclusion of the ordinary borax of Commerce, for that purpose. I take this occasion to say, in response to the sentiments contained in your favor of the 4th inst. that I will be glad to afford you any facility in my power to render your administration of the affairs of the Branch Mint satisfactory to the

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public and to the Government. I hope you will at all times communicate with me freely upon any subject connected with the business of the establishment committed to your general charge.

I send you by this mail a copy of a pamphlet I have recently caused to be printed in relation to the coinage of gold. It may be useful to you as showing the close scrutiny to which the coins struck at the Mint and its several branches are subjected and hence the necessity of extreme care in maintaining the standard of fineness and weight.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Logan McKnight Esq
Superintendent
Branch Mint
New Orleans
La

To

Logan McRaghtz

Sup't R. Mint

New Orleans

Sending herewith bond and undertaking my willingness to afford him all the aid in my power to render his superintendency pleasant and satisfactory

Jan 30, 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, July 4 1857.

Sir:

I have the honor herewith to transmit you the monthly (same) statement of Deposits & Coinage at this Branch Mint: also the statement of coins reserved for assay for same period. The packages of assay coins are forwarded this day by mail.

Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Logan M Knight Jr

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U. S.
Phila

From the
Logan McKnight Esq
Supt R R Mail
New Orleans

Atty Gen's Report
for
January 1855

Feb 12, 1855

Feb 12. 8

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your Branch Mint, for the month of January last.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Logan McKnight Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans,
Treasurer's Office, July 9th. 1858.

Sir,

The Bonds of Misrs Oscar Esmard and Marcelin Esmard, clerks in this Office have been so modified as to meet your instructions of the 28th Ult.o: they are transmitted herewith, and I trust will be found to have been executed in due form of Law.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. Q. Davis
Treasurer

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From A. J. Hurd Esq
Treas. of R. Mint
New Orleans

Official Report
of Mint Guard
& Guard enclosed

Feb. 17, 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Feby 8 1858.

Sir:

I am in due recpt yours of 2nd inst and will report to you the opinion of the Melter & Refiner on the Dried Bricks, when it arrives & has been tested.

Herewith find enclosed the statement of the condition of Br Mint N.O. for week ending 6th Inst.

The repairs on our building progress but slowly and we can only hope to be roofed in entirely by the 1st Apl or May.

Yr Ob Svt

Lyman Knight

Supt

James Ray Snowden Esq
Director Mint U.S.
Phila

From
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco

Transmits Weekly Statement

Feb 16. 1858

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, Feb 11 1858.

Sir: The Second Box of Dies arrived & were received to day at this office & delivered to Comer as follows:

14 # = Halves 1 R: Halves
5 " - Quarters
2 " Hlf Dimes
21
1 2 Dies Received.

You will please advise me whether you received the amt of $14.90 which was asked of Uncle Sam in your behalf by my predecessor on 11th Dec & oblige

Yours

Lyard Knight
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To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U. S.
Phila

Tm v Ls

Logan McKnight Esq
Supt Bk Mint
New Orleans

As Recapt Voy
Augt for 4. 960

Feb 19. 1888.

Feb 19. 8.

Sir

In reply to your favor of the 11th inst I have to inform you that a draft for $4.900, the amount of the requisition of your predecessor referred to, was received by the Treasurer of the Mint on the 30th of December last. On the day after, viz: 31 December, I wrote to Mr Pinneau, advising him of the receipt of the draft, and that the Treasurer of the Mint, had been charged with the amount, and instructed to account to the Department for the same. This letter I presume must have miscarried.

The draft was numbered 4939.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Lyon McKnight Esq.
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Feb 13. 57.

Sir.

I send you to-day, per Adams Express Co., a box containing the following dies for the use of your Branch Mint, viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| Double Eagle | 1 Head. |
| Eagle | 2 Heads 1 Reverse |
| Half Eagle | 4 " |
| Half Dollar | 6 " |
| Dime | 4 " |
| Half Dime | 4 " |

In all 22 dies.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Logan McKnight Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

To
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans

Transmitting
Dies

Feb 13 1855

Feb. 17. 8.

Sir,

The trial made at the Mint during last week by the assay commissioners of the reserved coins of your Branch Mint for the year 1857 resulted as follows; viz:

Gold Coins. Registered Value $820—
Legal Weight oz 44.075
Actual Weight " 44.073
Below Legal Weight " .002

Silver Coins Registered Value $185.55
Legal Weight oz 148.440
Actual Weight " 148.448
Above Legal Weight oz .008

Fineness of Bar from Melt of Gold Coins ‰ 899.8
" " Granulation from Melt of Silver Coin " 900.8

Trial of "Pile"

10 Double Eagles, Legal Weight oz 10.75 actual Weight oz 10.75
" 10 Half Eagles, " " " 2.687½ " " " 2.685½

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 Quarter Eagles | Legal weight | oz 1.343 3/4 | Actual weight oz 1.345 – |
| 10 Half Dollars | " " | 4.000 | " " " 3.999 1/2 |
| 10 Quarter Dollars | " " | 2.000 | " " " 2.001 |
| 10 Dimes | " " | 800 | " " " .799 |
| 10 Half Dimes | " " | 400 | " " " .401 |

Trial of Pieces

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Double Eagle | Grains | 516 | " " Grains 516 – |
| 1 " " | " | 516 | " " " 516 |
| 1 Eagle | " | 258 | " " " 258 |
| 1 Half Eagle | " | 129 | " " " 128 3/4 |
| 1 " " | " | 129 | " " " 128 1/4 |
| 1 Quarter Eagle | " | 64 1/2 | " " " 64 1/2 |
| 1 " " | " | 64 1/2 | " " " 64 3/4 |
| 1 Half Dollar | " | 192 | " " " 192 1/2 |
| 1 " " | " | 192 | " " " 192 |
| 1 " " | " | 192 | " " " 191 – |
| 1 Quarter Dollar | " | 96 | " " " 96 |
| 1 " " | " | 96 | " " " 98 |
| 1 Dime | " | 38 4/10 | " " " 38 |
| 1 Half Dime | " | 19 2/10 | " " " 19 |

Assay of Single Pieces

Gold. Double Eagle Fine 899.8

Half Eagle " 898.7

Silver — Half Dollar .900.3

Quarter Dollar .900.8

Dime .902.6

The deviations from the legal weight and fineness of the several coins of the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, as above stated, being within the limits of law, the trials were considered and reported as satisfactory.

The proceeds of the above coins will be accounted for as heretofore.

Very Respectfully.

Saml. Pleasonton

Director of the Mint.

Logan McKnight Esq.

Supt Br. Mint.

New Orleans.

To,

Supt Br Mint

New Orleans

La.

Results of

Examination of Assay

Coins for 1857.

Feb. 17. 1858.

Coins of the United States

Feb 17. 8.

Sir.

I send you by this mail a few copies of a pamphlet I have recently caused to be printed containing instructions relative to the transaction of business at the Mint of the United States and its Branches.

It is proper that I should call your attention to the 16th paragraph (page 9) of these instructions. The mode therein stated of entering amiable the deductions from deposites, was presented, at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury, in order that the amount of appropriations from all sources might appear on the Books of the Department.

These regulations will take effect at your Branch of the Mint on the 1st proximo.

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Logan McKnight Esq
Supt Br. Mint.
New Orleans La.

To
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Transmitting 12 pamphlet
"Instructions"

Feb 17, 1854.

Feb. 17. 8

Sir,

I received today the corrected bonds of Oscar Esnard and Marcelin Esnard, Clerks to the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, at New Orleans, which I have certified to be to my satisfaction and herewith transmit to the Department.

I have the honorable,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Samn Ros. Woodbury
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To

Hon Howell Cobb

Sec Treasury

Enclosing Bonds

blanks P.R. Mint

Acts Congress.

Messrs Emmet & Emmet

Feb. 17. 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Feb 28 1858

Sir.

I herewith send a statement of the condition of this Branch Mint for the week ending 20th inst. I find it customary at this Branch for the days of the week or month of service of doorkeeper, Guard & Messenger, to be, to compute the average of days in the months - 30 - and to allow also for Sunday work, which in this average is once before calculated. This is said to be the course in the Mint U. S. at Phila. Please advise me what is the rule to adopt. The operatives at this Branch are only paid for actual days of service - I would like to be advised also if the Repairs doing on this Branch are expected to cover the refitting of interior of Building. Very Respt Your Obt Servt

20 hours Ron Sunday Eng 5

Grant Weisted 5

We allow only for the actual number of days in the month. Nothing additional is given for Sundays or holidays. Such addition as to holidays was expressly disallowed by the Comptroller and the charge for Sundays has never been made.

From J. S.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans
La.

Computation of
time of certain
employés.

March 11. 1858.

March 11. 1

Sir,

I duly received your favor of the 23d ult. in relation to computing the time of service of certain employés at your institution, and have to state that it is proper to allow only for the actual number of days in the month — nothing additional should be given for Sundays or holidays.

Very Respectfully
S. R. Mundey
Director of the Mint

Logan McKnight Esq
Supt Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Mar 3. 85

Sir.

I have to-day placed to the credit of the Treasurer of your Branch Mint, the net proceeds of the Assay Coins thereof for 1887. as follows:

Net proceeds of Gold Assay Coins 1887 $820
" " Silver " " " 181.65
Total $1,001.65

The value by tale of the Silver assay coins was $185.55 = the proceeds thereof $181.65 = difference $3.90. It will be necessary for the Treasurer to charge Silver Coinage with the net proceeds, and Silver Profit & Loss with the difference, and credit Silver Coin presented for assay with the total of the Silver Assay Coins. I will thank you to call the Treasurer's attention to the foregoing instructions.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

To
Logan McKnight
Supt R Mnr
New Mexico

March 1858

Process of Assay
ores.

March 9, 1858

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, March 4 1858.

Sir:

Herewith find the statement of Deposits & Coinage for month of February, also the statement of Coins reserved for assay for same period.

The packages of Assay Coins will be forwarded you by tomorrow's mail.

Resp. Yr Obt Svt

Logan C. Knight Jr

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U. S. Phila

From Supt U.S. Br Mint
New Orleans
La

Assay Coins & Mark punch
February 1858.

March 13. 1858.

Mar 15. 8

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 4th inst with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of Your Branch Mint for the month of February last.

Very Respectfully.
James Ropes Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Logan McKnight Esq,
Supt Br. Mint.
New Orleans,
La.

U. S. Branch Mint
New Orleans 26 Feb 1856

Sir:-

Your returned favor, accompanied with Twelve copies of "Mint Regulations," is duly received, and the pamphlets have been distributed to each of the working Officers and to the Treasurer.

In the 19th Sec, 9th page, mention is made of "Directors' (or Superintendents') Clerk" and duties assigned him. No such officer has ever existed here, although it would be a great service to me to have one. I dislike to ask, however, for an increase of officials; and have thought it would be well, to abolish the office of Messenger, requiring the main duties of that place to be performed by the "Clerk;" such as going to the Post-Office - delivering messages to those who have business with the Mint - and showing visitors the works. He can easily perform all this duty, and attend to the clerical duties of the Office of Superintendents' Clerk. As it is now, the Messenger is a mere supernumerary doorkeeper. I had determined to elevate the standard of the office (keeping the name) before I received your instructions; and I now write to ask, that

instead of Messengers and one door-keeper, as heretofore, I be allowed to have a clerk, to do the duties aforesaid, at a salary of $90 to $100 per month, and to have one chief door-keeper and one assistant- One with wages of $2,50 and one $2,25 per day. These we already have, so that the only increase in expence, will be the difference between 2.50 per day, and $90 to $100 per month In order to procure a competent young gentleman to act as this "Clerk" I will give up a part of the quarters, usually allotted to me, for his residence - giving balance of those quarters to the Assayer, for his Rooms

Respt Yours

Logan McKnight

Supt.

To

James Ross Snowden

Director Mint U.S.

From ~~L~~ Logan M. Knight Esq
Supt R R Mail
New Orleans

Employment of
a person to perform
Clerical duties in
his office

Mar 10. 1855

Mint. U. S.

Sir,

I forwarded to you yesterday per Express a box containing the following dies viz:

8 Half Dollar Heads
3 Quarter " "

In all 11 working dies, and completing your requisitions as far as received.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Logan McKnight Esq.
Superintendent Br. Mint,
New Orleans.
La.

Logan M.c Knight Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Transmitting dies

Mar 5. 1858.

March 10, 8.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your consideration a communication recently received by me from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans in relation to the employment of a clerk in his office. In view of the facts presented by the Superintendent I respectfully recommend that he be authorized to employ a suitable person to perform clerical duties in his office, at a per diem allowance of say $3.50.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
R. R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Hamlin Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 10, 1858.

Sir

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint Charlotte

To Sec Treasury

Enclosing letter from
Supt of Mint
New Orleans
in relation to Employment
of a Clerk in his
Office

Mar 11. 1837

U. S. Branch Mint,

New Orleans, March 15 1858

Sir

Herewith find state-
ment of condition of this
Branch Mint for the week
ending 13th March 1858

Resp Your Obt Servt
Lyman D Kneeland

To
James Ross Snowden
Director Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

Your in due recpt your favor of
the 12th inclosing Kane Medal & will
reply in a few days.

From
Supt R. Mint
Dan Mem
Sec

Weekly Statement

March 22, 1858.

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, March 20 1858.

Sir:

Your favors of 3d, 11th, 16th & 18th are to hand.

On 26th Feby I addressed You a note touching the appointment of Clerk of Superintendent.

May I ask that at same time You reply to it You will advise me if the 4th Sect of the Mint Law of 18th Jany 1837 is of such force and effect upon this Branch Mint as to forbid the appointment by a Deputy Superintendent by me from amongst persons who are "not" "attached" to the Mint".

Resp'y & Obt Servt

Lyman M. Knight

Supt

To

James Ross Snowden Esq

Director Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

From J. G.

Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

La

Application for authority to employ a clerk in Supt. office laid before Sec. Treasury

Temporary appointments made by Sec'ty General must have eminent be made from amongst persons not attached to the Mint

March 29, 1854

March 29. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th inst.

I presented to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the 10th inst. your application for authority to employ a suitable person to perform clerical duties in your office, and recommended that the same should be granted.

The 4th Section of the General Mint Law, which authorizes a temporary appointment to be made, in case of the absence of an officer from sickness, or any other sufficient cause, provides, that it shall be some person attached to the Mint. An appointment of this character cannot therefore be made from amongst persons not attached to the Mint.

Your order for an Hydraulic Press will receive early attention.

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Director

Logan McKnight Esq
Superintendent Mint of the United States

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, March 20 1858.

Sir: At the request of the Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint I beg to ask that you will procure and ship me an Hydraulic Press - according to following plans & conditions - if the requisition meet your approval -

Order

"An Hydraulic Press similar to one in use at Phila - costg about $500 - designed for compressing refined Silver, from the parting operations, into cakes of such density that it is not necessary to dry & melt them before they are used in manufacture. The loss in melting always appreciable on account of the minute divisions of the particles and its projection out of the crucibles caused by retained moisture - is entirely obviated by the use of the hydraulic press, and the labor attending the melting of the silver thus much lessened."

Resp Yr Obt Servt

Logan M Knight
Supt

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

From Supt R R Mint
New Orleans

Order for
Hydraulic Press

March 30. 1858

OFFICIAL.

# Treasury Department,

~~Office of Construction~~,

Washington, D. C., 22 March 1858

Sir:

Herewith I transmit copy of an extract from the special report of the Superintendent of the Repair upon the New Orleans Branch Mint, to which I invite your particular attention, for the issue of such an order as may seem to you proper in the matter—

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury.

# LETTER

OF

## The Office of Construction.

FROM THE

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Dated March 22. 1855

Received " 23 1855

SUBJECT:

Distribution of rooms
at the P. Museum
Relative to. —

Directing Answer
enclosed.

March 23rd 9.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday, with the enclosure stated.

On an examination of the drawings and plans in my possession, shewing the arrangement of the rooms appropriated to the different branches of business at the branch Mint in New Orleans, I find that the location of the Assayer's department is in the 3d Story, and immediately adjoining it on the same floor is the Carpenter's shop, and Beam in the 2d Story, is the Melter and Refiner's department.

The processes used in the Assaying of Metals are of a very delicate character and require extreme care and attention. I think it always therefore desirable to make the arrangements for that branch of business as satisfactory as possible to the

Officer who has it under his immediate charge, especially if, it can be done without interfering with the business of the other departments in the mint.

It would appear from the extract from Capt. Duncan's report that the recommendation of the Assayer ought to be carried into effect; but it might be well before the Department determines the question to call for an explanation or report from Mr. Knight, the Sup! of the Branch Mint, on the subject. If however you wish to decide the point upon the case as presented by the Superintendent of repairs, it seems very clear that a change to the opposite wing, called the "rear wing," is desirable; and that the rooms on the 2nd floor of that wing are the most suitable and appropriate.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

(Copy.)

Extract from the Special Report of A. K. Duncan, Superintendent of the Branch Mint Repairs, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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"Mr. Millspaugh, the Assayer, who was with us at the time, stated that his Department ought properly, to be in the river wing — opposite where it had been — and away and free from the jar of the machinery of the Melting and Refining Depts. That in consequence, the rooms occupied formerly by the Supdt. as quarters on the first floor of the river wing, or the four rooms over them on the 2nd floor, all vacant — were the most suitable permanent locality in the Building, for his purposes.

Mr. McKnight stated in reply, that he intended giving the rooms alluded to, on the 1st and 2nd floors, with their Kitchens in the basement, to his Messenger.

By this distribution of quarters, the operations

of the Assaying Dept., — one of the most important of the whole Mint operations, and without which the other Departments cannot long go on, — have to cease; — thus making the public interests subservient to the convenience of supplying an obscure employee, with the best quarters in the Mint.

Not being in my province, I offered no advice, or suggestion in the matter, — leaving Mr. McKnights own official affairs in his own hands, only giving him due notice, so that the old Assaying quarters should be vacated in time, not to delay the progress of my own work."

U. S. Branch Mint.

New-Orleans, 29 March 1858.

Sir:

Herewith find statement of the condition of this Branch Mint for week ending 27th.

I am gratified in being able to report a large increase in Coinage usually performed by this Branch. The Coiner advises me that the total Coinage for March will be nearly $100.000 in Gold and $600.000 in Silver Dollars.

Respy Your Obt Servt

Logan M. Knight
Supt.

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

From
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

April 1858

Weekly Statement

April 5. 1858

NEW ORLEANS - 1858

# William Sellers & Co.

## Founders and Machinists.

William Sellers
John Sellers Jr.

Pennsylvania Avenue & 16th St.

Philadelphia April 14 1858

Col. S. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

We will make you one Hydraulic Press with 12 in. Ram 12½ in lift with platform on top of Ram and one four part brass box, with oil reservoir and double acting cast steel force pump complete, the whole fitted up in the strongest and best manner and capable of pressing refined Silver into Cakes of the same size and density as those made at the Mint in Philadelphia price $1,000. boxed and delivered at any point in the city of Philada that you may direct

Yours Very Respectfully Wm. Sellers & Co

Wm. H. Sellers & Co.
Phila.

Estimate of cost of
Hydraulic Press
for Mr. [illegible]

April 16. 1885.—

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a May 24, 1858.

H. Millspaugh Esq.
Assayer Branch Mint
New Orleans.

~~You will please~~
I am authorized to appoint you acting Superintendent of the Branch Mint at your city. You will receive further instructions by mail.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

T/25

To H Millspaugh Esq
Assayer Br Mint
New Orleans

Appointing him
A.C.T. Supt.—

May 24. 1853.—

May 24. 3.

Sir

I have fully considered the question which has arisen at your branch of the Mint relative to the appointment of an acting Superintendent during the temporary absence of Mr. M'Knight. And after examining all the papers which I received on the subject I submitted them to the consideration of the Department at Washington.

I have now to state that, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I have appointed you acting Superintendent; and I hope you will enter upon the duties thereof, and continue to discharge the same, until you have been relieved, either by the return of the Superintendent, or the appointment of another Superintendent by the President of the United States, should the new appointment become necessary.

On general principles it would seem to be improper to appoint an accounting officer to be an acting superintendent, because he would be drawing warrants to himself. (This valid objection applies to all the officers except the Treasurer, and hence it has been determined to make the temporary appointment herein indicated.

It is proper I should mention that there is at present no superintendents' clerk at your branch mint. Mr. McKnight erroneously supposed that because I speak of superintendents' clerk, in the printed regulations which I issued and prescribed, that therefore he was entitled to appoint one; but I only intended that portion of the regulations to apply to such of the branch mints (and assay offices) where such clerks were authorized. As the number of clerks at New Orleans is fixed by law, it would require

the same authority to create an additional one.

In view of the circumstances which have led to this temporary appointment of Haggart, (what no doubt has readily occurred to you as proper namely,) that you confine your acts to such as are necessary to carry forward the operations of the branch mint, and to the regular routine of official duties. Should any thing arise out of this usual course it would be well to refer the question to this office, and I will give such direction as the case may required.

I am, very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant,

Jas. C. Pickett
Director of the Mint.

H. Millspaugh Esq.
Agent and
Acting Supt. Branch Mint.
New Orleans.

To
A Millspaugh Esq
Assayer and Act Supt
Branch Mint New Orleans

Appointing him
Act Supt. &c

May 24. 1853

Mint of the United States.
Phila.a May 24. 1858.

W.m J. H. Alpuente.
Branch Mint.
New Orleans.

Your appointment is not approved. Mr. Millspaugh the Assayer will act as Superintendent ad interim.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

7/25

To

L. H. Alpuente
Pr Mail
New Mexico

His appointment as
act. Supt. not
confirmed. Advise
him of appointment
of Mr Millspaugh.

May 24. 1858.

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, May 24th 1858.

Sir,

Herewith enclosed you will please find Statement of the condition of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the week ending May 22d 1858.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Wm H A Gruenke
Acting Supt.

Col. James Ross Snowden
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

From
2 Lt Aquenta
Bv Maj
N.D.

Weekly Statement
transmitted

May 31. 1838.—

Columbia
Tuolumne Co. Cal.
May 24th 1850

Sir:

I Received yours of the 19th ult last containing the results of an assay of some Gold, which I had transmitted and informing me that the ~~amount~~ proceeds of such assay is at my order. you will oblige ~~me~~ by sending it to me through Wells, Fargo, & Co's after deducting all ~~expenses~~ —

and oblige your
very Humble
Servant

J. H. Caldwell

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm S. Hardinell
Columbia
Cal

Brandy of
Sample sent to
Must go as cases
forwarded
per Wells Fargo
& Co Express

July 3. 1885.—

May 25. 8.

Sir,

I received, on yesterday, your favor of the 22d. inst, and immediately sent a telegram to H. Millspaugh Esq., the Assayer of the French mint at New Orleans, announcing his appointment as Acting Superintendent, and that he would receive a further communication by mail. I also informed W. F. Allpress that his appointment was not approved.

In my letter to Mr. Millspaugh I informed him that with your approbation, I had appointed him acting Superintendent, and expressed the hope that he would enter upon the duties thereof, and continue to discharge them, until he were to be relieved, either by the return of Mr. Knight, on the appointment of another Superintendent by the President of the United States, whereon such appointment, in his judgment, became necessary.

I also gave him the special instructions suggested in your letter, namely, that he should, as far as practicable, limit his official acts to such as were necessary to carry forward the operations of the branch mint, and that in case any thing out of the ordinary course should arise to apply for instructions to that office.

I also mentioned that he could not recognize Mr Allsents as Superintendent's clerk, because his appointment was unauthorized.

This communication is perhaps unnecessary because the action it expresses is known to you, and has received your sanction; but, under the circumstances, I deemed it proper to make that special report.

I beg to add that, for obvious reasons, it seems expedient and judicious that the government should supply the vacancy at New Orleans, (for I suppose we may regard it as such,) at as early a day as may be convenient

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

To
The Sec. Treasury

Appointment of W.
Willspaugh assayer
for Mint New
Orleans to act as
Supt.

May 25, 1838.

U. S. Branch Mint,
New Orleans, 26th May 1858

Sir

Your Telegraph dispatch of 24th inst. I have the honor to acknowledge. And have entered upon the discharge of my duties as acting Superintendent ad interim in accordance with your instructions.

I have to acknowledge to the Hon. Secretary and to yourself the honor conferred upon me, and will endeavor to discharge the duties incumbent upon me with the best of my abilities, and to the best interests of the Government,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. L. Billupsangh
Actg Supt

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint of the U States.
Philadelphia

From
A. Millspaugh Esq
act Supt W R Mint
New Orleans

Acknowledging
receipt of Telegram
appointing him
act Supt.

June 3. 1853. —

U. S. Branch Mint,

New Orleans, 27th. May 1858

Sir

Enclosed please find communication from the Coiner at this Branch Mint. to which your attention is respectfully invited

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Svt
D. H. Millspaugh
Act Supt

From
Act Supt
Br Mint N. O.

June 1858

Enclosing requisition
from Comer for dies

June 3, 1858.—

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, 31st May 1858

Sir

Inclosed herewith, I have the honor to transmit you, Statement of the Condition of this Branch Mint for the week ending May 29th 1858.

Your letter of 24th May was received this morning and its contents noticed. I will take pleasure in complying with the instructions therein contained.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
A. Millaugh
Cashier Supt

To

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director, Mint of the U S
Philadelphia
Pa

Jno A. Millspaugh Esq
act Supt B Mint
New Orleans

Hist Ry Statement
endorsed. and a ltr.
My letter appointing
him act Supt.

June 7. 1854

June 11 1

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst with the enclosures stated and also a package containing coins reserved for assay during the month of May last.

I am very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

H. McCullough Esq
Act. Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, 3 June 1858

Sir

Inclosed you will please find a Statement from Treasurer of Deposits and Coinage, and Coins reserved for Assay during the Month of May 1858 —

The Assay Coins will be transmitted to Philadelphia by this days Mail.

Very Respectfully
Your Obet Svt
A. H. Phillipsen
Clerk Supt

To

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director, Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

Fm Co
A Murphy & Co
act Supt Bx Mint
New Orleans

Assay Coms Reports
for May Enclosed
Tuck

June 11, 1885.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, 14th June 1858

Sir

Enclosed please find Statement of the condition of this Branch Mint, at the close of the week ending June 12th 1858.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a Box containing 6 Half Dollar Heads and 12 Reverse dies, per Adams Express.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
A. H. Mellon
Asst Supt

To

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

Trans / Supt. at New Orleans.

22 June 68.

Weekly statement to 22 June.
Box of dies received.

June 19th 8.

Sir.

I have this day had forwarded to you by Express a box containing the following coining dies for your Branch viz.

6 half dollar Heads marked 6a 6b 6c
6 do Reverses do 6a 6b 6c

In all 12 dies.

This duly completes the order for dies for your institution for the current year.

I am, very respectfully &c.

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint.

Lt. Col. W. S. Knight &c &c.
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.

To Supt. at New Orleans

19 June 68.

Circ sent.

New Orleans June 22d 1858

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Inclosed you will find bond, for the faithful performance of my duties, as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at this place.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully

Wm. A. Elmore

From Ts

Wm H Elmore Esq

Supt Pr Mint

New Orleans

Official Bond

enclsd Track

June 30, 1858.

June 30, 58.

Sir,

I received to-day your letter of the 22nd inst. enclosing your official bond as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, which I have approved and transmitted to the Department.

Very Respectfully,
James Ropes Snowden.
Director of the Mint

William A. Elmore Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans
La.

June 60. 5.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the official bond of William A. Elmore Esq as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans which I have certified is to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. W. Medill,
Comptroller of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 1. 1858.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business yesterday exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz

In Gold Coins $

In Silver Coins

In Cents

In Ordinary Fund

In Repair Fund

In San Francisco Br. Mint Fund

To
Hon W. Medill
Comptroller
Washington

Transmitting with
my approval Official
bond of W. A. Elmore
Supt R. R. Mail
New Orleans.

June 30. 1881.—

July 3. 5

Sir

I have received a communication from Messrs Harris & Marchant, of Marysville, Cal.a enclosing a memorandum of a deposit of gold dust made for them at your office on the 26th of March last, by Messrs B. Pierce & Co. and complaining of the loss sustained on the same.

The amount of loss in this case, as shown by the assay miners returns, is beyond the usual limit of our experience. Be pleased to inform me if there are any particulars that will aid in giving the explanation required whether there is an incorrect loss in your melting?

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Wm. T. Wilmurth Esq.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York

[illegible] memorandum of the
[illegible] in favor of
[illegible] for the [illegible]

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 30, 1858.

Sir,

I received to-day from William A. Elmore Esq. his Official bond as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans. I have certified the said bond to be to my satisfaction and herewith transmit the same to the Department.

To
J. H. Butterworth Esq
Supt U.S. Army Offs

In relation to deposit
made by Harris &
Marchand Cal.a

July 3. 1866. —

May 9. 5.

Sir

In conformity with the request contained in your letter of the 2 May last I have sent herewith for the Use of the Mint a Quantity of Silver Bullion, and a Quantity of Gold Bullion, which were received from time to time since.

No charge is made for the Coinage of the Silver.

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Phila. May 9. 5.
Number
Returned
Rec'd

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, 6th July 1858

Sir

Enclosed herewith please find
Annual Statements of "Deposits & Coinage":
Quarterly abstracts from accounts of "Profit & Loss",
"Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss" and "Silver Purchase
Profit & Loss"; Quarterly Statement of "Expenditures":
Monthly Statement of "Deposits Coinage" and Coin
Reserved for Apsay. And the usual Weekly
Statement of the Condition of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obet Svt
D. H. Millaudy
Asst Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

Wm P. Lo

A. Millspaugh

Act Supt Pt Pt Mint

New Orleans

Assay coins &

Report spec & ack

May 13, 1857.

July 13 8.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst with the enclosures stated, also two packages containing the daily coinage of your branch Mint for the month of June last.

The Gymnastic Press represented by the Melter & Refiner will be ordered immediately.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Director of the Mint

A. Ballinger Esq,
Act Supt
Br. Mint at New Orleans.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans. 6th July 1858

Sir

In the matter of the Hydraulic Pipe ordered through Logan McKnight late Superintendent, by Dr Bonzano, I beg to state that the contingent fund is such, as I have reason to believe, as to justify the purchase of that useful Article. And would respectfully ask that it may be ordered immediately should it meet with your approbation.

Very Respectfully
your Obdt Svt
D. Mildeberger
Act Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director, Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia

From

A Millspaugh Esq
Act Supt R R Smith
New Orleans

July 1858

Orders Hydraulic
Press —

Aug 13 1858 —

U. S. Branch Mint,

New Orleans, July 9th 1858.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that I have this day received from the Department at Washington, my commission as Supt of the U.S. Branch Mint at this place, and that I have entered upon the discharge of the duties of the Office

Very respectfully

W. A. Elmore
Supt Branch
Mint

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, July 17th 1858

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint at
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed you will please find statement of the condition of the Branch Mint at this place, at the close of the week ending July 10th 1858

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt.

From
Wm A Elmore Esq
Supt U S Mint
New Orleans

Advises me of having
entered on his duties as
Supt —
Encloses Monthly
Statement —

July 19, 1854 —

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, July 12th 1858

Sir

If you have the data at hand, I would respectfully ask you, for a statement of the different heads of appropriations in favor of this Branch Mint for the year ending 30th June 1859.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Tmr Sc
Supt Bullion
New Orleans
La

Amount of appropriations
for that Br Mint for current
fiscal year

July 24, 1838. —

July 20 1.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letters of the 9th & 12th inst.

It will at all times be a pleasure to me to afford You any aid in my power to render Your superintendency of the affairs of the Branch Mint agreeable to Yourself and advantageous to the interests of the Government and the public. You may communicate freely with me at all times on matters pertaining to the institution under Your immediate charge.

The appropriations for the support of Your Branch Mint for the current fiscal year are as follows, viz:

For Salaries of the Treasurer, Coiner, Melter & Refiner & Clerk $8,500

For Wages of Workmen ——— 22,000

For the Contingent Expenses including Postage, insurance & other incidentals ——— 2,000

$32,500

The amount appropriated for wages is $22,000. The amount estimated to be necessary under that head (in addition to $7,700. unexpended balance on 30th June 1858) by your predecessor and asked for in my estimates, was $28,300. - The amount appropriated is therefore, $6,300 less than the amount asked for. which may be explained as follows: While the appropriation bill was pending in the Senate I called the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury to the fact that the amounts appropriated for the different branch Mints was in several instances less than had been asked for in the estimates. He replied that "the amounts asked for in the estimates submitted by You to the Department have been in each case referred to appropriated deducting only the balances on hand to the credit of the several appropriations on the 30th June 1857)". It would therefore appear that there was standing, at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30. 1857, to the credit of the appropriation for wages at your

dition an undrawn balance of $6,300.
This sum together with the amounts appropriated
for the present fiscal year, and whatever
balance may remain undrawn for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 1834, will
constitute your available funds for the
year, in addition to the deductions from
depositors.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Wm. A. Elmore Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
New Orleans.
La.

Aug 13. 8

Gentlemen:

Please call at the mint to-morrow if convenient, as I wish to see you in reference to your meeting on Hydraulic Press for the French mint at New Orleans.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Messrs
Williams Sellers & Co.
Penn. Ave. & 16 St.

To,
Messrs Wm Sellers & Co.
Phila.

Request a card
from them at the
Mint in relation
to an Hydrometer
Respectfully Mint
New Orleans.

July 13, 1853.

July 14th 8.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the
prospectus contained in your letter of the
14th April last I have now to request
that you will make a Hydraulic
Press on the Cam Plane Patent.

Yours respectfully
Your Obt Servt

James Rose Chremden
Director of the Thames

Messrs William Sutton & Co
Machinists &c.

To
Wm Sellers & Co.
Phil.a

Order Hydraulic
Press for the New
Mint.—

July 14, 1864.—

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, July 23rd 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt per "Adams Express" of a box containing dies of the following description

6 Heads Half dollars
& reverses

which have been handed over to the Coiner.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From

Wm A. Elmore Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Ack receipt of dies
Sent by Express

July 31. 1858.

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, July 27th 1858

Sir

The clock we have been using in this Branch Mint is now so old, and so much out of repair, that the clock Maker, whose business it has heretofore been to keep it in repair, says it is impossible longer to rely upon it, for the correct time.

In a public Institution, such as this is, where the duration of daily labor performed by the operatives, is to be governed by time, it is a matter of the greatest importance to have a time piece upon which implicit reliance can be placed. I would therefore

ask your approval for the purchase of a clock suitable for the Branch Mint, the cost not to exceed $70., as one is offered at that price, which I have every reason to believe is of excellent workmanship, and well adapted to the purpose.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Elmore
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint

Philadelphia

Wm Lo.

Supt R Mint

New Orleans

Purchase of a block

July 2. 1858.

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, July 20th 1858

Sir

I have the honor to inclose you, the copy of a letter addressed to me, by the Coiner of this Branch Mint, proposing to purchase five or six thousand barels of coal, now that it is as much, as it is likely to be, at any period of the coming year.

As I believe it would be economy to make the purchase, I recommend it- but it cannot be done, without an additional acquisition upon the Disbursements amounting to three thousand dollars, from the Incidental and

Contingent Expense appropriation.

I have the honor

to be very respectfully

Wm A Elmore

Supt

Hon Howell Cobb

Sec Treasury

Treas. Dept.

The Supt. U.S. Mint

New Orleans

La

July 28. 1854

In relation to purchase of
a quantity of lead.

Authority given
for same

Refer to the Director
of the Mint for advice
and instructions.

July 27th 1854.

C. Guthrie
Sec'y

M 53 July 28 1854

Copy

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans. July 10th 1858

Sir

It is usual at this season of the year to purchase, when coal is cheap, a flat Boat load of pine or six thousand bunch. We are entirely out of that article at present, in view of which, it is respectfully submitted, whether or not, it would be proper to make a requisition upon the Department in favor of the contingent fund appropriation, for an amount sufficient to cover the purchase, say three thousand dollars.

Very respectfully
your obt Servant
B F Taylor
Cashier

(Signed)
Wm A Elmore Esqr
Superintendent

July 28. 8

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury respecting the purchasing of coal has been referred to me for reply.

It is certainly good policy to purchase the quantity of coal indicated by the Coiners; and in all cases of that character, where it is economical to purchase materials in large quantities, you are fully authorized to do so. The appropriations are intended for the support of the Branch mint during the year and that portion of it which is required from time to time may be drawn. It is a good practice however to draw at any time, when necessary, during a quarter for the entire appropriation for that quarter, that is to say, the one fourth part of the entire appropriation.

I beg to add that in all questions of

this character it is proper you should address the Director of the Mint. If at any time the point you present to my consideration is not within my official power I will submit it to the head of the Department, namely, the Secretary of the Treasury: and in general on all questions beyond the ordinary routine I am in the habit of taking the instruction of that Officer.

I am, very respectfully
your obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

William A. Elmore Esq
Supt. of the Branch Mint,
New Orleans.
La

Copy.

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Aug 2, 1858.

Sir

In response to your letter of the 27th ult. I have to state that I entirely concur with you in the propriety of purchasing a good and reliable clock for the use of the Branch Mint.

Yours
(Sgn) J. R. S.

Wm. A. Elmendorf Esq.
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans

To.

Wm A Elmore Esq
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans.

August 1858

Purchase of block 12
approved. –

Aug 2. 1858. –

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, August 16th 1858

Sir

You will please find inclosed statement of the condition of this Branch Mint for the week ending 14th inst.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore

Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Director Mint

Philadelphia

From Supt Br. Mint

New Orleans

Statement of the condition of this Branch for the week ending 14 Inst., enclosed

Dated Aug. 16.

Received Aug 23. 1858.

Statement of the condition of the Branch Mint at New Orleans at the close of the week ending August 14th, 1858.

| | | Dollars | cts |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Coinage acct Dr.** | | | |
| Balance per last Statement | | 43.314 | 61 |
| Silver Coins received since | | 55.000 | 00 |
| Total means for the week | $ 1.063.89 / $ 197.250.72 | 98.314 | 61 |
| **Coinage acct Cr.** | | | |
| Paid for during the week | $ 733.95 / $ 10.578.48 | 11.312 | 43 |
| Silver coins reserved for Assay | | 1 | 00 |
| Balance | $ 32.94 / $ 86.661.24 | 86.991 | 18 |
| | | 98.314 | 61 |
| **Bullion acct Dr.** | | | |
| Amount due to Depositors, Silver | | 135.295 | 16 |
| Do " " U. S. for Bullion fund | | 489.267 | 46 |
| Total debt on Bullion acct | | 624.562 | 62 |
| Deduct Coinage Balance, as above | | 86.991 | 18 |
| Difference being Bullion in process of Coinage | $ 59.031.43 / $ 478.540.01 | 537.571 | 44 |

U. S. Branch Mint, New Orleans
Treasurer's Office, August 14th. 1858.

J. P. Sumner
Treasurer.

Statement of the Branch Mint, New Orleans for the week ending 14 inst

Received Aug 23. 1858.

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, Sept 1st 1858

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith, two letters, one from E. J. Forstall Esq an intelligent and influential citizen of this place, the other from the Treasurer of this Branch Mint, upon a subject of interest to the public of this City, to which I invite your attention.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, Sept 2d 1858

Sir

I do herewith have find statement of Deposits & Coinage, and Coin issued for pay during the month of August 1858.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Sept 10. 57.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing communications from Mr Postal and the Treasurer of Your Branch Mint.

Silver bars may be made at Your institution and used in payment of deposits of silver bullion when payment in that form is desired by the depositor.

The information requested by the Treasurer in relation to form of receipt, assay report &c, is presented in the following replies to his queries:

1. The ordinary receipt may be issued except that the words "in bars" may be omitted & to designate the mode of payment: and the rate per ounce is $1.16 11/21 that is at the old valuation of 412½ grains to the dollar.

2. Assay Report unchanged. Deposits are entered

on the ordinary weigh book, with the usual order of numbers. a simple memorandum "Bars" is noted on the weigh book and on the assayers report.

3. Deposits for bars being calculated at the old dollar rate, calculation sheets will be required separate from those used for purchases at the rate of $1.22½ per ounce.

The bars are prepared by the Melter & Refiner, and the Assayer reports the fineness. They are then delivered to the Treasurer and the weight of each taken, from which and the fineness the standard weight and value are calculated in a Register kept for the purpose. With this standard and value the Melter & Refiner is credited and Silver Coinage charged. The bars are numbered in regular order. The number, weight, fineness and value are stamped on each. They are kept in the pay clerks vault, and paid out by him for deposits payable in bars, according to the same usages as obtain in the case of coin.

4.— The calculation clerk, from the Register of bars on hand picks out one or several which nearest approximate to the net value payable. He must be careful that they fall somewhat short of this net value, or

close the depositor would have to refund change which is inconvenient. On the calculation sheet the numbers of the bars thus selected and their aggregate value are noted; also the surplus payable in coin to the depositor to complete the net value due.

5. The Superintendent's warrants run as usual, for the net value, but a memorandum should be endorsed showing the amount payable in bars, and the amount in coin, the numbers of the bars to be issued being stated.

6. The charge on a deposit for bars is fifty cents per hundred dollars on the gross value. An additional charge at the usual rates is made for parting, and toughening, where necessary. The issue of standard bars has never been customary at this Mint, fine bars being always preferred, on which of course there is no charge for alloy. If standard bars should be required in any case, charge for alloy the market value of the copper used.

7. You can use discretion as to the weight of the bars, aiming not to make them much under $100.

8. Let the bars be issued as fine as convenient, not less than .990.

9. The bars are reported and stamped to the

nearest half thousandth.

10. The gold is parted and allowed to the depositor as usual, if exceeding $1. net. It is paid in coin.

Forms of Receipt, Assay Report &c, are herewith enclosed.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Wm A. Elmore Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

Your letter of 2nd inst. with endorsements stated was duly rec'd also 2 packages containing deposit Assay bars. —

Copy.

New Orleans 27th augt 1858

W. E. Elmore Esqr.

Superintendent Branch Mint N. O.—

Sir

as you will have perceived the Commerce of this place has been receiving lately through Matamoras, very large amounts in Silver bars and amalgams, the exportation of which was formerly prohibited by the laws of Mexico — I now hold about 43 bars valued $60.000. and I am advised of further remittances from the Mines of Catorce and Zacatecas — Other parties here ~~also~~ have also been receiving, of late, very large sums in the same manner — and I have every reason to believe, that henceforward, our receipts of pure Silver through our frontiers will be regular and very large — it therefore, becomes of the utmost importance that such Silver should be assayed, and at the option of the Owner, be cast into bars, ingots, or disks either of pure metal or of Standard fineness, with its weight and fineness Stamped, which will at once give currency for purposes of Exchange or otherwise, to such Silver, as Stamped gold bars in N. York — I understand that on application for authority to that effect, to the mother Mint at Philadelphia, the same power granted to the Assay Office at New York by the 11th Section of the act "making Appropriations for the Civil + Diplomatic expenses of Government for the Year ending 13th June 1854" approved 3d March 1853 — will be extended to the Branch Mint under your

Superintendence. Trusting that you will see the importance of immediate action in this matter of deep importance to our Community

I am very resp.t

(Signed) Edm. J. Forstall

Copy.

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans,
Treasurer's Office Sept.r 1st 1858

Sir,

I have, at your request, read Mr. Forstall's communication in relation to the casting of Silver Billion into Bars, either of pure metal or of Standard fineness, under the act of 3d March 1853. If the authority asked for is ~~granted~~ extended to this Branch Mint, I would respectfully request you to obtain from the Director the following information and also any further instructions required in the premises.

1st. Form of Receipt to Depositor. no change

2d " Form of Assay Report. no change

3d " Form of Calculation abstract or Register of Bars. - Same Register of bars between Mint & Treas.r as that kept of coin

4th " Manner of Payment paid in bars, & a charge made as in coin between Cashier & Treasurer. -

5th " Form of Superintendents' Warrants to cover all transactions no change
if depositor wishes to bring a claim or counter claim in the Dr. Sch. it can be by a warrant from Supt on Treas.r for bars pending Dr.
on the books but for purposes of Assay part of the charge is expensive coin to state that the deposit is payable in bars

6th " Charges for Copper when the Bullion is to be reduced to Standard fineness — Charges for Toughening & Parting — The bullion referred to by Mr. F. ranges from 950 @ 998 Millièmes, almost invariably requires toughening, and not unfrequently resists all fluxes used for that purpose and must be parted to render it fit for use.

7th " What is the Maximum & Minimum weight of the Bars. See Sec 6 Mint Laws Mint pamphlet p 59

8th " What fineness for Bars of pure metal. - ~~The proportion of the Mint & of make Standard 900 ops~~

9th " What variation in Title allowed, & a

10th " What course is to be pursued when Gold is contained in the Bullion — If the Gold parted amount to $1 — upwards ~~of the Deposit~~ it must be sold at the Mint for ~~cash~~ Treasury Notes at par. If less than one dollar it must be converted as parted for the Deposit ~~with~~ The necessary ~~Weights~~ for marking the Weights &c &c of the Bars will be required —

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

(Signed) A. J. Guirot
Treasurer

W. A. Elmore Esqr.
Supt. Br. Mint
New Orleans

The charge for making Silver bars at the Mint is 50 cts & a charge for assay ~~and~~ at 5 cts per hundred dollars.

Bars upwards of 995 may be termed Commercially fine Silver

Wm Lo
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

September 1868

Instructions &c in
relation to making
fine Silver bars at
that institution —
Form of Receipt
& enclosed

Sept. 10. 1838. —

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Nov 17th 1858

Sir

Your letter of 9th Inst, instructing me to purchase silver bullion for this Institution, at One Hundred & twenty one cents (121 cts) per ounce of standard fineness has been duly rec'd. Your Telegraphic dispatch of same date to the same effect was rec'd on 11th Inst, and your instructions have been obeyed.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore

Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Director

Mint

Philadelphia

Fm

Supt R. R. Mint
New Orleans

R. R. Instructions
relating to price
of Silver

Aug 23, 1853

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Nov 19th 1858

Sir

In a postcript to your letter of 13th ult- you express regret that I have so long delayed sending you the estimate called for, in your letter of 3d August.

The delay of which you speak was caused by sickness and domestic afflictions in my family, and by indisposition among the clerks of the Institution. I trust this explanation will relieve me from the suspicion of having neglected to answer your letter without a sufficient reason therefor. Very respectfully

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Phila

Wm. A. Elmore
Supt

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Nov 19th 1858

Sir

I have rec'd from the Coiner the following memorandum of the probable number of dies required by this Institution for the year 1859. Viz:

| Heads | | Reverses | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Half dol: | = | 14 | Silver |
| Quarter " | = | 12 | |
| Dimes | = | 10 | |
| Half Dimes | = | 10 | |

Gold Dies

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Double Eagles | 6 | — | 4 |
| Eagles | 6 | — | 2 |
| Half " | 6 | | |
| Quarter " | 6 | | |
| Three Dol — | — | | 4. |

Please have some of them forwarded as early as possible.

Very respectfully

James R. Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Wm A Elmore
Supt

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Nov 17th 1858

Sir

I would be very much obliged to you, if you would procure for me for the use of the officers of this Institution, half a dozen copies in pamphlet, of the act, entitled an "act of January 18. 1837 relative to the Mint Coinage of the U.S. to which are annexed the other legal provisions in force on the same subject," printed in Philadelphia in 1853 with all subsequent laws, rules & regulations for the government of this Institution.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James R. Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Treas

Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

Explanation in relation
to Estimate
Pamphlets Laws
requested

Requisition for
dies.
Dies forwarded
per Express
Nov 26, 1858

Branch Mints

November 1858.

Nov. 26. 8

Sir,

I have received your letters of the 19th inst.

Your explanation in relation to the estimates is entirely satisfactory.

I am preparing a pamphlet to contain the laws relative to the Mint and coinage of the U. States. As soon as it is printed I will send you a sufficient number of copies for the use of your branch of the Mint. The pamphlet to which you refer is somewhat imperfect and there is but one or two copies of it on hand.

Enclosed is a statement of Working dies for 18[illegible] forwarded to you this day per Adams Express &c.

Very respectfully
[illegible] &c.,
Director of the Mint.

Wm. H. Elmore Esq
Supt Th. Branch
Mint Orleans

Engravers Dep.t Mint of the United States
Philad.a Nov. 26. 1858

Working dies for the Branch Mint at New Orleans
furnished by the Engraver, in part of requisition of the
Sup.t last received. for the year 1859

One box Containing

| Gold. | No. | Rev. | in cases marked |
|---|---|---|---|
| Double Eagle | 5 | | 17, 18, 20 |
| Eagle | 3 | | 20, 21 |
| Half Eagle | 4 | | 22, 23 |
| Gun Dollar | | 2 | 24. |
| Quar. Eagle | 4 | | 25, 26 |

| Silver. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Half Dollar | 7 | | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| Quarter Dollar | 12 | | 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 |
| Dime | 10 | | 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 |
| Half Dime | 4 | | 16, 17 |

Call 51 Working dies

James B. Longacre
Engr.

Branch Mint N. C.

December 2nd 1858,

Sir:

I am desirous of visiting the principal Mint in Philadelphia, with a view of observation and improvement, that I may be better enabled to carry on the operations of the Coining Department at this Branch, as much in conformity with that of the parent institution, - which is deemed exceedingly desirable -, as may be possible, should it meet with my respectful solicitation.

When I came into this institution I found the building in an unfinished condition, and only a portion of the Machinery permanently put up. Part of it still remains in a temporary condition; indeed the Punches, Drawbenches &c. together with the Mills, have not been permanently fixed. The extraordinary demand for the manufacture of Coins, has kept the ordinary complement of men, in the Department, constantly occupied.

Formerly, I learn, it was the custom for the Coiner to visit Philadelphia, with a view of buying out the Dies. Should the proposed visit be sanctioned by you, it will afford a convenient opportunity of transmitting them.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant.
B. F. Taylor,
Coiner

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,

United States Branch Mint.

New Orleans Dec 6th 1858

Sir

As an act of courtesy to Dr. Taylor Loiner, I comply with his request, contained in a note to me, asking me to forward the inclosed communication addressed by you with such comments, as I might deem appropriate.

In complying with this request I would remark, that independent of the language of the 4 Section of the General Mint Law, and the second & third articles of the "General regulation for the Mint and its Branches," and from the unvarying practice in all similar cases, which have heretofore occured in this Branch Mint it appears to me, that as the Superintendent has "the control and management of" this Branch Mint, "the superintendence of the officers and ~~the~~ persons employed therein, and the general regulation, and supervision of" its business being the head of the Institution - he necessarily is the only officer to decide whether the state of the business of the Mint and the interest of the Government renders it advisable, that the leave of absence asked for, in a case like the present should be granted; and the decision to be pronounced by you on the Loiners application will settle the question; how far the Superintendent is in

practice, what he is presumed to be in theory, the head of the Institution, charged with its control, and the supervision of its officers.

I have inquired of the Melter & Refiner, the Cashier & Treasurer, and I have searched the correspondence on file in this office, and I am sustained in saying, that in all former cases, happening in this Branch Mint, when one of the subordinate officers wished to be absent, application was made to the Superintendent.

Even Dr. Boyd and, the Melter & Refiner who in 1833 wished to be absent for several months for the purpose of visiting Europe, made application directly to the Superintendent for leave of absence, who submitted it to the Director at Philadelphia with the recommendation, that the application be granted.

I deem it therefore due to the position, I occupy, to submit, that this Coiner's application is wholly irregular, as it should have been made directly to the Superintendent.

I am very respectfully

Wm. A. Elmore
Supt

James R. Snowden Esqr
Director Mint

Philadelphia

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, Dec 3d 1858

Sir

I send herewith the monthly statements of Deposits & Coinage, and coins reserved for assay during Nov 1858. I also forward by this days mail two boxes containing the assay coin for the same month.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James R. Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt Bd Mint
New Mexico

Assay Com's Reports
November

Dec 9. 1858

December 1858

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Dec 9th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th ult, with the indorsement from the Engraver. The dies mentioned in the Engravers memorandum were received on yesterday, and were returned over to the Coiner from whom I took the usual receipt

Very resp Truly

Wm A Elmore

Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Director Mint

Philadelphia

From Wm

A Clemmer
Supt Ft Wint
Sundries

Ack receipt
of this

Dec 16. 1853

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans. Dec 9th 1858

Sir

Since the succesful opening of the Tehuantepec route to California, we have good reason to believe, that the amount of Gold bullion coming to this place will be greatly increased, in which event, it is very desirable that this Branch should be in a position to exchange coin for whatever amount of it, that may be offered. The bullion funds, now on hand, amounts to $489.267.40, of which $58.944.10 only, is in Gold. This latter amount is altogether insufficient to meet the anticipated demand.

I would respectfully call your attention to this question whether it would not be advisable to increase the funds here, to meet the necessities of the case.

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Very respectfully
Wm A Elmore
Supt

From To

Supt R Mint

New Orleans

La

Expected increase

of your deposits

& inadequacy

of building Funds

Dec 18th 1858.

Dec. 18. 8.

Sir:

I am very glad to learn by your letter of the 9th inst that there is a probability of a great increase in the amount of Coin deposits at your branch of the Mint. It is certainly desirable that your Gold bullion fund should be increased; and I hope that the state of the U.S. Treasury will be such as to permit it. I will ask on early occasion call the attention of the Department to the subject.

But as the condition of the Treasury may not allow of this an increase in your fund, it will be well to increase your Gold by every convenient means. In making exchanges always do so in favor of gold. Occasionally you may be able to buy a deposit of Gold in bars. Sometimes may be had in Europe. At the Mint the buy coin are had

in Silver Coin, and may other expences
in like manner. You may, by adopting
these expedients, and others which may
occur to you, increase your Gold
and so much diminish the Silver.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob.t Servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Wm. M. Elmore Esq
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans.
La.

Dec 9. 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst. with the enclosure stated, also, two packages containing the assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of November last.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Wm. A. Elmore Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

Dec 13, 8.

Sir,

I have rec'd your communication of the 2nd inst.

You will please make your application for leave of absence to the Superintendent who will be instructed to transmit the same to me with his views thereon for my action.

Very Respectfully,
Sam'l Rob't Snowden,
Director of the Mint

R. M. Taylor Esq'r,
Coiner Br. Mint,
New Orleans,
La.

Dec. 15. D.

Sir,

I have received from Gen. Gibbs of the 6th inst. enclosing an application of the Coiner for leave of absence. The Law does not clearly define the powers of a Superintendent of a branch mint to grant the temporary appointments provided for by the 4th Section of the present mint Law. That section applies particularly to the permanent appointments of the powers of the Director. The 2nd section, establishing the branch mint at New Orleans, does not confer all the powers of the Director upon the Superintendent. The 2nd section of the act defines in part, the duties of the Superintendent. There are other duties assigned to him, and powers granted, which do not arise from the nature of the office of "Superintendent". That it is a mistake to suppose that the provision contained in the 2nd section of the Mint Law extends to the

Superintendent. I refer to the following part of the section, "The Director shall have the control and management of the Mint." &c. This section evidently applies only to the Director. Neither does the 5th section of the act establishing the branch mint give to the Superintendent all the authority which in other laws pertain to the Director. Besides, the 2nd section, above cited, gives to the Director "the general regulation and supervision of the business of the branches." And the 4th section of the branch mint law provides "that the general direction of the business of the said branches of the mint shall be under the control and regulation of the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia subject to the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury." The 2nd and 3rd articles of the general regulations — to which you refer — do not extend the authority to make temporary appointments further than the laws relating to the subject, provide

It does appear that the question presented in your communication is not free from embarrassment. It is one however which, coming within the general duties of the Director, may be assigned by regulations respecting it. I have therefore to say that it is proper and convenient that the Superintendent at a Branch mint, should express the views given to the Director at the parent mint in relation to temporary appointments; with the qualification or limitation, namely, that applications for any protracted leave of absence, for any other cause than that of sickness, be referred to the Director for his action thereon.

As the application of Mr. Layden comes within the limitation I have prescribed I return it, with the direction that he make the application to you, and you will please submit it to me with your opinion as to the propriety of the request being granted.

I am very respectfully
your obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Wm. A. Elmore Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint.
New Orleans.

From To
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

Application of Comies
for leave of absence
as to the power of
the Supt &c

Dec 15, 1885.

Comies application
for leave of absence &
My reply enclosed
herewith.

NEW ORLEANS – 1858 (CONT.)

# Mint of the United States,

*Philadelphia,* 185

To the **TREASURER OF THE MINT.**

Charge "**Silver Bullion deposited for Coinage,**" with Four hundred & seventy four thousand, nine hundred fifty three $\frac{62}{100}$ DOLLARS, being the intrinsic value of 408,163 — $\frac{27}{100}$ ounces standard of Silver ~~purchases from~~ transferred from the Branch Mint, N. Orleans 185 estimated at 412½ grains to the Dollar; charge "**Silver Profit and Loss.**" with Twenty five thousand and forty six — $\frac{38}{100}$ Dollars, for the net premium therefor, being the difference between such value and the total cost of the ~~purchases~~ bullion to the Branch Mint and credit "~~Silver Purchases.~~ U. S. Bullion Fund" with Five hundred thousand — $\frac{-}{100}$ Dollars, being the total cost of such Silver Bullion.

And for so doing this shall be your **Warrant.**

Silver Purchases,
~~transferred from N. O. Mint to Bullion Fund U.S. Mint~~
Mint Value $474,953.62

Premium $ 25,046.38

Total Cost $500,000.00

DIRECTOR.

Silver Purchases.

Mint Value $ | Premium $ | Total Cost $

Warrant No.

Charged and Credited as within directed,

Treasurer.

1. Statement of the Amount of Silver coined at the Mint of the United States and the Branch Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans under the Act of February 21, 1853.

| Year | Mint of the United States at Philadelphia | Branch Mint at San Francisco | Branch Mint at New Orleans | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1853 | 7,517,161 | | 1,137,000 | $8,654,161 |
| 1854 | 5,373,270 | | 3,246,000 | 8,619,270 |
| 1855 | 1,419,170 | 164,075 | 1,918,000 | 3,501,245 |
| 1856 | 3,214,240 | 177,000 | 1,744,000 | 5,135,240 |
| 1857 | 4,452,260 + | 64,000 + | 968,000 | 5,484,260 |
| Total | $21,976,101 | $405,075 | $9,013,000 | $31,394,176 |

+ To 30th of September 1857
++ Coinage of December estimated

2. Statement of the amount of Silver Bullion and Coin in the Mint of the United States, on the 30th Sept. 1857, and the Branch Mint at New Orleans, on the 26th of September 1857.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mint of the United States | Silver Bullion | $1,227,234.99 |
| | Silver Coin | 197,404.30 |
| Branch Mint at New Orleans | Silver Bullion | 516,977.55 |
| | Silver Coin | 740,712.56 |
| | Total | $2,682,329.40 |

3 Statement of the Amount of Silver coined at the Mint of the United States and the Branch Mint at New Orleans from the 30th of September to 31st December 1857 inclusive.

| | |
|---|---|
| At the Mint of the United States | $2,130,610 |
| At the Branch Mint at New Orleans x | 613,000 |
| Total | $2,743,610 |

x Coinage of December estimated.

4. Statement of the Amount of Silver Bullion and coin held at the Mint of the United States on the 31st day of December 1857 and the Branch Mint, New Orleans, on the 19th of December 1857.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mint of the United States | Silver Bullion | $1,323,374 |
| " " " | Silver Coin | 872,092 |
| Branch Mint at New Orleans | Silver Bullion | 279,184 |
| " " " | Silver Coin | 212,733 |
| | Total | $2,927,383 |

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia December 31, 1857.

Lamb. 8.

Dear Sir,

I entirely concur in the suspicions subs-
mitted to my consideration in your letter of the
28th. ult. The reasons you state for extending
the limit, for which an Annual Grant of
a Legal Tender, are conclusive, namely,
to increase the circulation of Silver,
and, by taxes, displace bank Notes of a
low denomination.

The present restriction to five
dollars is too stringent, and leads to a fear
of having Quantities of it on hand. In
France there is an option to pay in gold or
silver; both being worth more than
the coinage valuation the payments - except
for change - are always in gold. In
England silver is so much circulated
by law for the purpose of keeping it
in the Country for change, and prevent it

Certificate

Baltimore January 2. 1858.

Treasury Department
United States
To the Adams Express Co

For transportation as per agreement
on $800.000. Silver coin from
New Orleans to Philadelphia
@ 70 p.m $100 $5.600.-

Received payment
Adams Express Company
per R. Kennedy Supt

copy

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia Jan 2, 1857

Sir,

The enclosed letter and Statistics have been prepared in response to a letter received from the Hon Mr Slidell of the U. S. Senate. I have deemed it proper to enclose them to You for Your examination.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

To
The Sec of the Treasury

January 1868

Enclosing letter and
Statistics for Hon
Mr Shields U.S. Senator

Communication of Mr. Shields
enclosed herein.

Jan 2. 1868

Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., August 10th 185 E.
Treasurers Office

Sir

In reply to your communication of yesterday, I have the honor to submit the following. Viz: Estimate of the amount of monies required for the use of the General Treasurers Department of this Branch for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1860. as per enclosed Statement. — $75.993.00

Estimate of the Profits of the Branch available for Contingent Expenses for the Fiscal year ending June 30. 1860. based entirely upon the Receipts of the Mint for the fiscal year just closed. $120.141.25

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant

J. Lyncen
Treasurer

To the
Hon.
Chas. H. Hempstead
Superintendent
U.S. Branch Mint
California

Estimate of the probable amount required for the General Treasurer's Department of the U.S. Mint for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1860.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries of Officers & Clks. | Superintendent | $4500.00 | |
| | Treasurer | 4500.00 | |
| | Assayer | 3.000.00 | |
| | Coiner | 3.000.00 | |
| | Melter & Refiner | 3.000.00 | |
| | Clk to Treasurer | 2.500.00 | |
| | 4 do @ $2000 @ | 8.000.00 | |
| | Clk to Supt | 2.000.00 | 30.500.00 |
| Wages of Workmen & Others | | | |
| Viz: | 5 Laborers @ $1565 @ | 7.825.00 | |
| | 1 Ditto | 2.190.00 | |
| | 1 Messenger | 2.190.00 | |
| | 1 Ditto | 1.825.00 | |
| | 6 Watchmen @ $1825 @ | 10.950.00 | |
| | 1 Millwright | 1.878.00 | |
| | 1 Conductor | 1.825.00 | |
| | 2 Door Keepers @ $1825 @ | 3650.00 | |
| | 2 Porters @ $1200 @ | 2.400.00 | |
| | 1 Watchman (Warehouse) | 1.200.00 | |
| | 1 Laborer do | 1.200.00 | |
| | 1 Porter | 1.440.00 | |
| | 1 Do | 720.00 | |
| | 1 Servant | 1200.00 | 40.493.00 |
| Stationery & Contingent Expenses | | | 5.000.00 |
| U.S. Mint. San Fran.co Cal.a Aug.st 11. 1858. | | | $75.993.00 |

A. Richardson Treasurer

Assayers Office
U.S. Branch Mint
August 16th 1858

Sir

The following is an approximate Estimate of the Expenses of the Assay Department for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1860

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. A. Ryder
Assayer

To
Chas. H. Hempstead Esqr
Superintendent
U.S. Branch Mint
Calo.

| | | $ | Cts |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Contingent Expenses | 5000 | 00 |
| | Wages of Employees | 27000 | 00 |
| | Glass and Earthenware | 150 | 00 |
| 60000 | Cupels | 1080 | 00 |
| 50 | Lbs of Chemical pure Muriatic Acid | 37 | 50 |
| 50 | " " " Sulphuric " | 37 | 50 |
| 10100 | " " " Nitric " | 4797 | 50 |
| 3000 | Gallons of Distilled Water | 750 | 00 |
| 200 | Mattrasses | 68 | 00 |
| 200 | Annealing Cups | 20 | 00 |
| 100 | Mouffles | 100 | 00 |
| 50 | Bridges | 50 | 00 |
| 150 | Crucibles | 56 | 25 |
| 3 | Furnaces | 450 | 00 |
| | Grates | 50 | 00 |
| 12 | Draft doors | 25 | 00 |
| 3500 | Bags of Charcoal | 2450 | 00 |
| 1 | Ton of Stone Coal | 20 | 00 |
| | Pipes for Furnaces | 50 | 00 |
| | For repairs in Laboratory | 500 | 00 |
| | | $ 42691 | 75 |

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Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., August 12th 1858

Chas. H. Hempstead Esq

Superintendent

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 9th inst I herewith transmit to you an Estimate of the Expenses of my department for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1860. the same being based upon a coinage of Thirty Millions Dollars.

It will be observed that, notwithstanding some of the items are less than those contained in my last estimate, the aggregate is somewhat greater. This is owing to the fact that I have included in my present Estimate a considerable amount for Repairs, & also for the items of Water for Boilers & Wastage none of which were included in my last.

I remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt Servant,

A. M. Eckfeldt

Coiner

Estimate of Expenses of the Coiner's Department U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco Cal, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1860.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alcohol | | 80 00 |
| Adjusters Aprons. | | 70 00 |
| Annealing Canisters. | | 640 00 |
| Bureau. | | 200 00 |
| Blank Books & Stationery | | 225 00 |
| Boxes and Box covers. | | 250 00 |
| Belting and Lacing Leather | | 250 00 |
| Coal for Boilers | | 12000 00 |
| Coke for Annealing | | 225 00 |
| Charcoal for Hardening | | 75 00 |
| Fire Brick, Fire Clay and Tile | | 50 00 |
| Gum Packing | | 75 00 |
| Hardware, Trimmings, Files &c | | 200 00 |
| Gloves and Mittens | | 200 00 |
| Lard and Tallow | | 60 00 |
| Lumber for Repairs | | 150 00 |
| New Machinies | | 3000 00 |
| Oil for Machinery | | 500 00 |
| Oil Cans and Lamps | | 25 00 |
| Paints and Painting | | 125 00 |
| Repairs | | 4000 00 |
| Rags | | 120 00 |
| Soap for Blanks | | 150 00 |
| Amount over | | 25670 00 |

Estimate (continued)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount forward | $25670 | 00 |
| Sulphuric Acid | 100 | 00 |
| Steel for Collars and Punches | 50 | 00 |
| Towels for Cleaning Room | 30 | 00 |
| Wages | 50000 | 00 |
| Wood for Annealing | 2000 | 00 |
| Soft Water for Boilers | 2000 | 00 |
| Wastage on Coinage | 1500 | 00 |
| Incidental Expenses | 5000 | 00 |
| | $86350 | 00 |

Estimate
Coining Department
U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 6th Septem. 1858

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting an Estimate of the Expenses of this Branch of the Mint for the fiscal year Commencing the 1st day of July 1859 and ending on the 30th day of June 1860, being the same as for last fiscal year

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
C. McCaldwell
Superintendent

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk $6.000.00
" Wages of Workmen in the various Departments 3.500.00
" Contingent & Incidental Expenses & Wages of Watchmen 2.100.00
$11.600.00

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(Schedule A.)

Estimated expenses of the United States Assay Office, at New York, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Salaries of Officers & Clerks | | | | |
| Superintendent | 3,500 | 00 | | |
| Assayer | 3,000 | 00 | | |
| Melter & Refiner | 3,000 | 00 | | |
| Assistant Assayer | 2,000 | 00 | | |
| Assistant Melter & Refiner | 2,000 | 00 | | |
| Six clerks: 1 at $2,500; 1 at $2,000; 2 at $1,800 1 at $1,600; 1 at 1,300 | 11,200 | 00 | | |
| | | | 24,700 | 00 |
| For Wages of Workmen | | | 45,000 | 00 |
| For Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs | | | 60,000 | 00 |
| Total | | | 129,700 | 00 |

Grounds of the estimates of the United States Assay Office at New York, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860

| | Dolls. | Cts | Dolls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Salaries of Officers & Clerks; The appropriations under this head have been no more than sufficient to cover the expenditure. No surplus means will exist at the close of the current fiscal year. The amount required to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860 (Schedule A.) is | | | 24.700 | 00 |
| 2. Wages of Workmen; No surplus will exist under this head. The amount required to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860 (Schedule A.) is. | | | 45.000 | 00 |
| 3. Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs; These expenses are estimated (as per Schedule A.) at | 6000 | 00 | | |
| The deductions from deposits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860, are estimated at $45.000.00; which with other available means it is believed be sufficient. No appropriation is therefore required | | | | |

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Oct. 12, 1858

(Schedule B.)

Appropriations required for the United States Assay Office at New York, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860.

| | Dolls. | Cts. |
|---|---|---|
| For Salaries of Officers and Clerks. (Schedule A.) | 24,700 | 00 |
| For Wages of Workmen (Schedule A) | 45,000 | 00 |
| For Incidental & Contingent Expenses and Repairs, no appropriation is asked.— the deductions for Refining & other available means being sufficient | | |
| Total | 69,700 | 00 |

U. S. Assay Office,
New York,
Oct. 12, 1859.

(Copy)

Grounds of Estimates of Expenditures at the Branch of the United States Mint at New Orleans, for the Fiscal Year ending on the Thirtieth day of June, 1860.

## Estimated Means & Expenditures
### For the 4th Quarter of 1858, & 1st & 2d Quarters of 1859

### Means.

| | $ | cts |
|---|---|---|
| Available Balance in Treasurer's hands, Oct 1st 1858 | 4,674 | 17 |
| Undrawn and available appropriations | 68,346 | 38 |
| Estimated Legal deductions | 350 | |
| Total Means. | 73,370 | 55 |

### Expenses.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries of Officers & Clerks | 13,725 | | | |
| Wages of Workmen | 25,991 | 50 | | |
| Incidental & Contingent Expenses including Fuel, Water, Gas &c, &c., | 33,654 | 05 | 73,370 | 55 |

This Estimate of Expenses is based upon a Coinage of $4,000,000. and corresponds to the balance of available funds for the present fiscal Year. The Coinage of the fiscal year ending June 30th 1860 will range from $4,000,000 to $4,500,000 with a probable Expenditure of. 100,600

Deducting therefrom probable legal deductions 600

The amount required to meet the expenses of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860, will be, viz:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For the half year ending Dec, 31st 1859 including wastage of the year 1859 | $51,500 | |
| And for the half year ending June 30, 1860 | 48,500 | |
| Making total amount to be asked for | | 100,000 |

over

Specification of Appropriations for the Ordinary Expenses of the New Orleans Branch of the United States Mint, for the fiscal year ending on the 30th June 1860, Supplemental to Ground of Estimates of said Branch of the U.S. Mint for the

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1860

Specification of Appropriations
For the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1860

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Salaries of Officers & Clerks | | 18.300 |
| 2d Wages of Workmen | | 36,700 |
| 3d Inc. & Contingent Expenses | $ 44.100 | |
| Less estimated Legal deductions | ,600 | 43.500 |
| 4th Wastage for the year 1859 | | 1.500 |
| | | 1.000,000 |

U.S. Branch Mint, New Orleans.
Treasurers' Office Oct 11th 1858
(Signed)

Treasurer

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans Sept 22d 1858

Sir

Your letter of 30th ult calling for "an estimate of the appropriation required for the support" of this Institution, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1860, has been rec'd, and will be answered at an early day.

Very Respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt R Mint
New Orleans

Estimate forwarded

Sept 24, 1838

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, Oct 4th 1858

Sir

In consequence of the illness of a member of my family it was impossible for me to attend to the duties of Superintendent from 29th Sept, till this morning, when I resumed my duties - in the meantime, I appointed A Mullaugh Esqr a payer, acting Superintendent - which appointment, I hope will meet with your approbation. Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore
Supt

James R Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Octr 6th 1858

Sir,

I send herewith Statements of Deposits and Coinage, and Coins reserved for Assay during the month of September; Statement of Expenditure for the Third Quarter of 1858, and transcripts from accounts of Profit & Loss, Bullion Deposit Profit & Loss, and Silver Purchase Profit & Loss for the same period: also Statement of the condition of the Mint, for the week ending 2d. inst.

I also forward by this days mail one box containing the Assay Coins for the month of Septr.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Elmore
Supt.

Jas. Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From Lt
Wm. N. Glenn &c
Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

October 1858

Reports Army Corps
Sept 30th &c &c
and Acts

Oct 12, 1858

Oct. 10. 5.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst with the enclosures stated; also, a package containing the Assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of September last.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Wm. A. Elmore Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir: I greatly regret that you have so long delayed to send me the estimate called for in my letter of the 20th ultimo last. I desire you to telegraph me forthwith on the receipt of this, and send me the estimate by mail. Yours &c. R.S.

Oct. 13, 58.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a statement of the expenditures of the branch Mint at New Orleans, during the 3d Quarter 1858.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel Ropes Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
Hon Adonijah Welch
Secretary
October 1868

Quarterly Report
from Dr Mint NC

Oct 2, 1868

# The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

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**PHILADELPHIA OFFICES—No. 302 Chesnut Street and Girard House.**

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated New Orleans Oct 18 1858

Rec'd, *Philada.*, 18 1858, 8 o'clock 35 min. P M.

To James Ross Snowden

Director Mint

I have this day sent
Yearly estimate of
expenditures.

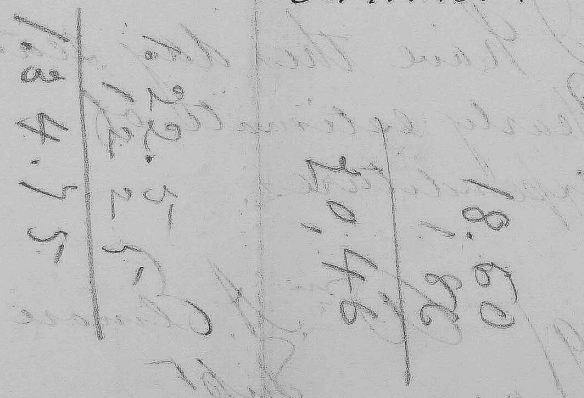
Wm A. Elmore
Supt

9/230

Tom Supt R R Mines

New Mexico

Oct 18. 1858.



Treasury Department

Oct 20 1873.

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 19th inst and assent to your making arrangements for transferring one million of dollars of the silver now on hand at the Branch Mint at New Orleans to the Mint for the purpose of recoinage. And I think it will be unnecessary to incur, at the expense of insurance, inasmuch as there is hardly any risk to be encountered which is not provided by the liabilities of Messrs Adams & Co, as Common Carriers.

Of the new silver now at the Mint, a draft for transferring to New York 200,000$ has been issued, and to Boston I have tendered 100,000. Your notice heretofore authorized will, as soon as it appears, lead to large demands for Philadelphia

and a considerable amount will be required for Baltimore. With these demands in view, it is perhaps prudent to suspend for the present, the arrangements for transferring to more distant points

Sam'l Ruggles
James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasy

A. D. Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila

From Hon. James. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasy
20 vol

22 Oct. 1853,

Offer of Adams & Co. to transport $1,000,000 from N. Orleans (at certain rates) accepted.

Correspondence
U.S. Mint

October 1858,

Oct 26. 8.

Sir;

Herewith I enclose the estimates of appropriations required for the Mint and its branches and the assay office, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1860.

Copies of the above estimates with the grounds for the same, and an explanatory letter, will be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury to-morrow.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon T. Bigger,
Register of the Treasury,
Washington City.

October 27. 8.

Sir,

I have transmitted to the Register of the Treasury the estimates of the amount of money which will be required for the support of the Mint and its branches for the next fiscal year. A copy of these estimates I herewith enclose for your examination, and also a statement of the grounds upon which they are founded.

As the amounts appropriated for the present year namely, that which ends on the 30th June, 1859 – will, in all probability, be sufficient, it will be unnecessary to ask for an additional appropriation.

As a general remark I may state that the estimated expenses at all the minting establishments for the next fiscal year are about the same as for the current year. But it will be seen that at some of the branches larger appropriations will be required. The causes of these differences I will briefly explain:

1. At the branch Mint at San Francisco, the

Sum asked to cover the incidental expenses is larger than last year, because it is calculated that the deductions from depositors, available pro tanto for such expenses, will be less than was estimated for the current year. The difference, to wit, the sum of $36,3[illegible] must be provided for by appropriation. The appropriation asked for Wages of Workmen is $1,401, less than the current Year.

2. At New Orleans it is considered that there will probably be an increased coinage during the next fiscal year, and therefore an additional amount for wages and incidental expenses is asked for, viz, $6,600. The further apparent difference in the appropriations is explained by the fact that at the commencement of the present year there was an unexpended balance of $28,200 from former appropriations.

3. The expenditures of the Assay Office at New York, will probably be the same as during the present year; but there was means available during this year that will not be the next, and therefore an appropriation of $45,000 is now required for wages.

4. At the branch Mints at Dahlonega

and Charlotte, at the commencement of the present year there were unexpended balances of former appropriations applicable to the payment of wages of workmen, and to the incidental expenses; hence, although the expenses at these branches for the next year are estimated the same as the present, an increase in the appropriations will be required, namely, at Dahlonega to the amount of $3,650, and at Charlotte to the amount of $5,600.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Estimates of appropriations required for the Mint of the United States, the Branch Mints and the Assay office, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860.

| Heads of Appropriation. | Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860 | Estimates of the balances of appropriations unexpended on the 30 June 1859 which may be applied to the service of the next fiscal year. | Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1859. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.** | | | |
| For Salary of Director of the Mint, per Act of January 18, 1837; 5 Laws, page 137, Sect. 7 | $3,500 | - | $3,500 |
| For Salaries of Treasurer, Assayer, Melter & Refiner, Chief Coiner and Engraver at $2,000 each, per same Act | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |
| For Assistant Assayer and Assistant Melter & Refiner at $1,500 each, per same Act | 3,000 | - | 3,000 |
| For Clerks, viz: 3 at $1800 each, and 4 at $1,500 each, per Act of August 4, 1854; 10 Laws, page 573, Sec. 13. | 11,400 | - | 11,400 |
| For Wages of Workmen and Adjusters | 74,800 | - | 74,800 |
| Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including Wastage | 75,000 | - | 75,000 |
| Specimens of Ores and Coins to be preserved in the Cabinet of the Mint | 300 | - | 300 |
| Transportation of Bullion between the Mint and Assay office, per Act of March 3, 1853; 10 Laws, page 212 | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |

Branch Mint at San Francisco.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For salaries of Superintendent and Treasurer, at $4,500 each, per act of June 3, 1850, and [illegible] | $9,000 | - | $9,000 |
| Assayer, Melter & Refiner and Coiner, at $3000 each, per same act | 9,000 | - | 9,000 |
| Five clerks at $2,000 each, per same act, and act of August 4, 1854; 10 Laws, pages 11 and 201 | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |
| Wages of Workmen and Adjusters | 165,493 | - | 166,894 |
| Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including Wastage, in addition to other available means | 55,950.50 | - | 22,606 |

Assay Office, at New York.

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|---|---|---|---|
| For Salary of Superintendent, per act of March 3, 1853; 10 Laws, page 654 | 3,500 | - | 3,500 |
| Assayer and Melter & Refiner, at $3,000 each, per same act | 6,000 | - | 6,000 |
| Assistant Assayer and Assistant Melter & Refiner, at $2,000 each, per same act | 4,000 | - | 4,000 |
| Six clerks viz: one at $2,500, one at $2,000, two at $1,800 each, one at $1,600, and one at $1,500, per same act | 11,200 | - | 11,200 |
| Wages of Workmen | 45,000 | | No appropriation made or account of this being sufficient available fund to meet expenses under this head. |

Incidental and Contingent Expenses and repairs, nothing required in addition to other available means | - | - | No appropriation made under this head from deposits or other available funds being sufficient

## Branch Mint at New Orleans

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| For Salary of Superintendent, per act of February 13, 1837; 5 Laws, page 147 — | $2,500 | — | $2,500 |
| Treasurer per same act and act of September 30, 1850; 9 Laws, page 531 — | 4,000 | — | 4,000 |
| Assayer, Coiner and Melter & Refiner, at $2,000 each, per act of February 13, 1837 — | 6,000 | — | 6,000 |
| Three clerks per act of August 4, 1854, increased $1,000; 10 Laws, pages 573 & 673 | 5,800 | — | 5,800 |
| Wages of Workmen — — — — — — — — — — — | 36,700 | — | 22,200, in ad<br>to $7,700 unexpended ba<br>of former appropria |
| Incidental & Contingent Expenses, including Wastage for the year 1859 — | 45,000 | — | $20,900, in ad<br>$12,500 unexpended<br>of former appropriat |

## Branch Mint at Charlotte

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|---|---|---|---|
| For Salary of Superintendent, per act of February 13, 1837; 5 Laws, page 147 — | 2,000 | — | $ 2,000 |
| Coiner and Assayer, at $1500 each, per same Act — — — — — | 3,000 | — | 3,000 |
| Clerk, per act of March 3, 1835; 4 Laws, page 774 — — — — — | 1,000 | — | 1,000 |
| Wages of Workmen — — — — — — — — — | 1,500 | — | No appropriation and<br>expended balance o<br>appropriation be |
| Incidental and Contingent Expenses — — — — — — | 2,100 | — | No appropriation<br>unexpended bal<br>former appropria<br>Sufficient. |

Branch Mint at Dahlonega

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|---|---|---|---|
| For Salary of Superintendent per act of [illegible] 1857; 5 Laws page 147 | $2,000 | — | $2,000 |
| Coiners and assayer at $1,500 each per same act | 3,000 | — | 3,000 |
| Clerk by act of March 3, 1885; 4 Laws, page 774, Section 2 | 1,000 | — | 1,000 |
| Wages of workmen | 2,800 | — | 1,200 in addition to the unexpended balance of former appropriation |
| Incidental and contingent Expenses including Postage | 2,000 | — | both appropriations unexpended balance of former appropriation being [illegible] |

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, October 1858.

Director of the Mint

—— of Estimates for the Mint of the United States, ——
—— appropriations required for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1860.

The deductions on bullion available for the expenses of the Mint may be estimated at — $5,200

The expenses during the year may be estimated as follows, viz:

For Salaries of officers and clerks:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Director | | $3,500 | |
| Treasurer | | 2,000 | |
| Assayer | | 2,000 | |
| Melter & Refiner | | 2,000 | |
| Chief Coiner | | 2,000 | |
| Engraver | | 2,000 | |
| Assistant Assayer | | 1,500 | |
| Assistant Melter & Refiner | | 1,500 | |
| Seven Clerks, 3 at $1000 | $6,400 | | |
| 4. $1500 | 6,000 | 11,400 | $27,900 |

For Wages of Workmen and Adjusters — 80,000

For Incidental and Contingent Expenses in the Assay department of the Mint ——— for the year 1859 — 75,000

For Specimens of Ores & Coins to be reserved with Cabinet of the Mint — 300

For transportation of bullion and coin between the Mint and Assay Office (N.Y.) — 10,000

Total Expenses — $193,200

Deduct available means as above — 5,200

Amount to be provided for — $188,000

Estimate of appropriations required for
the Mint San Francisco, for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1860.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. For salaries of Officers Clerks | $28,000.00 |
| 2. For Wages of Workmen & Adjuntas | 165,493.00 |
| 3. For Incidental and Contingent Expenses including Wastage $179,091.75 | |
| Less estimated deduction, as per Mint for such Expenses 120,141.25 | 58,950.50 |
| Total | $252,443.50 |

Abstract of Estimates of the Branch Mint San Francisco for the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860.

The deductions on bullion available for the expenses of the Branch Mint may be estimated at $120,141.28

The Expenses during the year may be estimated as follows viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Salaries of Officers and Clerks | | |
| Superintendent | $4,500 | |
| Treasurer | 4,500 | |
| Assayer | 3,000 | |
| Melter & Refiner | 3,000 | |
| Coiner | 3,000 | |
| 5 Clerks at $2,000 | 10,000 | $28,000.00 |
| For Wages of Workmen | | 165,493.00 |
| For Incidental and contingent Expenses including Wastage for the year 1859 | | 179,084.78 |
| Total Expenses | | $372,577.78 |
| ~~Less estimated means as above~~ | | 120,141.28 |
| Amount to be provided for | | $252,436.50 |

United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, Nov 5th 1858

Sir

Inclosed please find statement of Deposits Coinage, and Coin reserved for assay during the month of October 1858. I also forward by this days mail two boxes containing the assay coin for the same month.

Very respectfully

Wm A. Elmore
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Assay Comp'r

From Jo

Wm A. Elmore Esq

Supt U.S. Mint

New Orleans

Comr's
assay Report
Oct.

Nov 12, 1838

Nov. 9. 8.

Sir,

The supply of Silver coin having become superabundant in some localities it has been deemed expedient to reduce the mint price for Silver bullion at all our purchasing places. I sent you a telegraphic despatch to day on that subject, but out of prudential caution I write this line to say that hereafter you will pay for Silver bullion at the rate of one hundred and twenty one cents (121 cts) per ounce of Standard fineness.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director Mint.

William Elmore Esq.,
Supt. Branch Mint.
New Orleans.

From Sy

Wm A Elmore Esq
Supt Br Mint
New Orleans

Instructions to purchase
Silver at 121 cents
per ounce of 24
fineness

Nov 9, 1838

Nov. 9. 8

Sir,

On the receipt this morning of your
favor of yesterday, I sent a Telegraphic despatch
to New York and New Orleans, informing
the Assay Office and the Branch Mint, that
the Mint prices of Bullion were
reduced from 122½ cents to 121 cents
per Ounce of Standard fineness, and,
of greater caution, I have written to the
Superintendents of those institutions.
By the next mail I will give further instructions
to the Superintendents of the Branch Mint at
San Francisco.
I have modified my annual report so
as to correspond with the above mentioned
reduction in prices, and arranged the
Table of the Values of foreign Bullion accor-
ding to that rate.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful Servant,
James Ro Madison, Director.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury.

To
Sec Treasury

Instructions as to
purchase of silver
bullion for coinage
at 121 cents per
oz St. Louis Supt
& Supt at New York
Assay Office and
the U.S. Mint New
Orleans

Annual Report
corrected and
returned
Nov 9. 1878.

Treasury Department
Register's Office November 10. 1858

James Ross Snowden Esquire
Director of the Mint, Philadelphia

Sir,

I am directed to ask an explanation in relation to No 2 in your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury of October 27. 1858

The Amounts appropriated for the present fiscal year are as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For wages of workmen | at the Mint New Orleans | 22.000 |
| " incidental & Contingent Expenses | Ditto | 20.900 |

The balances of these appropriations on June 30 1858 were

| | |
|---|---|
| For wages of workmen | 11.782.45 |
| " incidental & Contingent expenses | 5.339.25 |

Your estimates for these objects for the next fiscal year are.

| | |
|---|---|
| For wages of workmen | 36.700 |
| " Incidental & Contingent expenses | 45.000 |

You state in your letter "At New Orleans it is considered there will probably be an increased Coinage during the next fiscal year and therefor an additional amount for wages and incidental expenses is asked for viz 10.600

The further apparent difference in the appropriations

is explained by the fact that at the commencement of the present year there was an unexpended balance of $28.200 from former appropriations"

I merely give you the several amounts as shown by the books of this Office - that you may be the better able to explain the discrepancy.

Your estimate for both items is considered large. Please to let me hear from you immediately as the general estimates may be closed in a few days

I am, respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
F. Pierpont
Register

Lmw to
The Register of the
Treasury

Respecting Estimates

Br Mint New Orleans
for next fiscal year

Aug 1. 1838

Nov. 11, 57.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.

The estimates of the branch Mint at New Orleans for the current fiscal year (presented here in October 1857,) contained the following statement of the grounds upon which they were based, viz:

"Estimated means and expenditures of the branch Mint at New Orleans, for the 4th quarter 1857, and the 1st and 2nd quarters 1858.

Means

| | |
|---|---|
| Available balance in Treasurers hands October 1, 1857 | $11,010.43 |
| Available appropriations undrawn | 92,800.00 |
| Estimated legal deductions | 500.00 |
| | $97,310.43 |

Expenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries of Officers & Clerks | $13,725 | |
| Wages of Workmen | 26,907.82 | |
| Incidental & Contingent Expenses | 28,477.61 | 69,110.43 |
| Difference being excess of means over expenses of fiscal year ending June 30, 1858 | | $28,200.00 |

In preparing the estimates for the current fiscal year I assumed that the sum of $28,209 (estimated balance on 30th June 1858,) would be available for the expenses thereof. But the books of the Department show the actual unexpended balance at that time to have been but $17,121.70. The expenses of the last 3 quarters of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858, must therefore have exceeded the Superintendent's estimate by $11,078.30. It thus appears that the statement of the estimated balance remaining unexpended on the 1st July 1858 must be corrected according to the real balance as stated by the Department. But it will not be necessary to make any appropriation for the current year, nor to alter the estimates for the next year.

I fully considered the grounds upon which the estimates furnished by the Superintendent were based, and am of opinion that they are not too high, if the expectations of that officer are realized in regard to an increase in the amount of the coinage during the next fiscal year.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Svt.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. S. Pigott,
Register,
Treasury Department Washington City.

Sir

Treasury Department
Nov 16th 1858

Your letter of the 9th inst is received advising me that you have informed the Assay office, and the Branch Mint at New Orleans, that the Mint price of silver is reduced from $1.22½ to $1.21 per oz

Allow me to suggest, that as it is not proposed at this time to increase the unavailable funds at New Orleans by further purchases of silver at the reduced rate, it may be well to state explicitly to the Superintendent that the information given, is not intended to authorize further purchases of silver at that Branch at present. Otherwise he may regard it as authority to make purchases of silver at $1.21 which would at this time be very embarrassing.

Very respectfully
your obed't Ser

A. Dallas Bradford Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Howell Cobb
Secretary of Treasury

From Do
the Sec Treasury

In relation to Silver
Purchases at the
Branch Mint
New Orleans.

Jan 11. 1838

Nov. 11. 8.

Sir,

I regret to notice, by your paper of yesterday, that the Department labors under some misapprehension relative to the purchase of Silver at New Orleans. The purchase of Silver bullion at that place were not suspended, but instructions were given that Silver bullion must be paid only in Silver coin. At the branch mint manufactures the Silver coin from the Silver bullion which it purchases & it evidently appears that such transaction cannot in any manner embarrass the Treasury. On the contrary as occasional exchanges are made in favor of gold, the gold on deposit belonging to the Government is increased pro tanto and the Silver diminished.

We were to suspend the purchases

of silver bullion at New Orleans should have an injurious effect upon the Commerce of that City. With Mexico its commercial transactions have recently been increased, in consequence of the removal of the restriction which heretofore prohibited the exportation of silver bars and ornaments from the latter Country.

We have never refused to purchase silver at any of our purchasing points; hence it became necessary for me to give early notice to the Superintendent at New Orleans that the price was reduced to 121 cents per ounce.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Nov. 12, 5.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your branch Mint for the month of October last.

Very Respectfully,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

William A. Elmore Esq.
Supt Br. Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 13. 1858.

Sir,

When I submitted to your consideration, on the 27th ult°, the estimated amounts which would be required to be appropriated for the support of the Mint and its branches for the next fiscal year, I was induced to ask for an increased amount for the branch mint at New Orleans, by reason of the Superintendent of that institution expressed the opinion that its coinage would be increased during the next year, and he based his estimates upon such an increase. I have carefully re-considered that point, and am now of the opinion that the expectations of that Officer will not be realized. It will be safe, I think, to provide the same means for the next year as for the current year.

The means for the current year, may be stated as follows.

~~for wages of workmen, and for incidental and contingent expenses, &c as follows:~~

Appropriation for wages of workmen — 22,200

Unexpended balance June 30, 1858 — 11,782.45

Total for wages. — 33,982.45

~~Appropriation for Incidental expenses &c~~ — 20,900

~~Unexpended balance June 30, 1858.~~ — 5,339.25

Total for incidental expenses &c — 26,239.25

I have to propose, with your concurrence, to reduce the appropriations for the above objects for the next fiscal year to the following sums:

For wages — 34,000.

For incidental & contingent expenses, including wastage for the year 1859, 26,500.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your most obt servt,

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

To Sec Treasury

Nov 13, 1838

Estimate for Mint
New Orleans — Repairs
to balance the amt

Amount Estimate
reduction in Amount
allowed for the
Mint New Orleans.

Wm D Lee
Assistant Treas
Philadelphia Nov 13/38

Copy

Branch Mint- New Orleans Dec 15th 1856

Sir

Your note of the 8th Inst- transmitting a copy of your letter of the 4th Dec to the Director of the Mint- in Philadelphia was duly received, for which, I feel much obliged. I am surprized however, that- unnecessary publicity- should be given to that- document, in employing the Door Keeper as copyist, which, in effect, tends to humiliate me in the eyes of the workmen and servants employed in the Mint-.

I regret very much that- the Superintendent- should so construe my letter to the Director as to charge me with a want- of courtesy and irregularity- in not- addressing him directly, the fact of the transmission of the letter through the Superintendent, with a note inviting such comments as he might- deem proper, implied necessarily the proper respect- and courtesy due that- officer.

In the case of Mr. Hicks, Treasurer who made a similar application the Supt- granted a leave absence without- consulting the Director, and approved the payment- of his expenses. when the accounts came to be audited the Secretary of the Treasury refused to allow the expenses, ~~and~~ as the Director alone had the authority- to grant- such application, I take it- then, in a case of the Kind that- if the-

Superintendent had not the authority to allow the payment of expenses, he certainly had not the power to authorize the leave of absence. Such leave of absence, however, was not asked, or desired, unless the approval of the Director was first obtained, which would tacitly imply the re-embursement of attendent expenses.

In accepting the position of an operative officer of this Branch Mint, I believe it was not expected of me to resign the liberty of speech and ~~resign~~ relinquish the right of every American citizen - and certainly belonging no less to operative officers - of addressing the Government on its own business.

The authority by which we hold our positions is derived directly from the President: by his comission, precisely in the same manner as other commissioned officers, consequently it is competent to address directly my officer, even the President himself, on business of the Government. it is usual, however, to transmit such communications through the regular channels, although cases might arise justifying a departure from the ordinary rule.

Had the Superintendent given me any verbal intimation of his displeasure at the irregularity of which he charges me, I would have taken pleasure in amending my letter so as to conform with his wishes. Since, however, the correspondence has gone on to the Director, I cannot refrain from again requesting the Supt to forward the present letter also, or a copy so-

that the case may be more freely and generally presented.

I have the honor to be,
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant

B. F. Taylor
Coiner

W. A. Elmore Esq
Superintendent
Branch Mint
N. O.

United States Branch Mint
Dec 15th 1858

Sir

Out of courtesy to Dr Taylor Coiner, I handed him a copy of my letter to you of 6th Inst. which copy was made by the door-keeper, and on the day before yesterday, he handed me a communication, a copy of which is enclosed which he desired might be forwarded to you, that the subject referred to in his letter of 2d Inst "may be more fully and generally presented."

It is unnecessary to continue the discussion with the Coiner, as I understand him in his letter to me, as virtually admitting the correctness of the position I assumed in my letter of 6th Inst. But there are one or two remarks in that portion of his communication not bearing on the question discussed, which perhaps it might not be out of place to explain.

It is true, the door-keeper was used as a copyist, but it was simply because I had no time, to make the copy myself, and I had no clerk to do it for me. The effect of this, I think is altogether misunderstood by the Coiner. I wanted to show him a courtesy by handing him a copy of my letter to you, and to that end I had to avail myself of the assistance of Mr Hicks the door-keeper, who

a discreet, and intelligent man.

I did not give any verbal intimation to the Coiner, that I deemed his application irregular, because the first notice I had, that he desired to be absent, was from his letter to you. He never made any verbal communication to me on the subject, but selected the official, and formal mode of communicating to me in writing. After that, it would have been inconsistent with the position of the Supt, for him to have answered in a different way; and I will say in all frankness, that had the subject been brought to my notice without formality, I would cheerfully have given the Coiner, my opinion - that for reasons satisfactory to himself, he did not do.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elwyn
Supt

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt. at New Orleans.

Dec. 24/58.

Enclosing Copy of Letter from Asst.
as to cause of doubt in his Clerk's application
to Director for leave of absence.

# Correspondence
# Branch Mints

## December 1858.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Dec 20th 1858

Sir

I do herewith please find statement of the condition of this Institution for the week ending 18th inst.

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore

Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Director Mint

Philadelphia

From Supt. New Orleans

Dec. 7th/58.

Weekly Statement to 1st inst.

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec 22d 1838

Sir

Yours of 15th Inst has been duly rec'd and Dr Taylor Coiner has been furnished with a copy of your directions in the premises.

Upon a careful perusal of my letter of 6th Inst, I find that I laid down the power of the Superintendent in a sense broader than was intended.

The views contained in your letter to Mr Bienvenu formerly Supt dated 5th Sept 1833, are in my opinion a correct exposition of the authority of the Superintendent of this Branch.

You say - "By the 2d Section of the Mint "act of Jan 18. 1837, the Director has the con- "trol and management of the Mint, and "superintendence of the officers and persons "employed therein; and by the 5th Section "of the Branch Mint act, it is declared "that all Laws & parts of Laws, made "for the regulation of the Mint of the U "S, & for the government of the officers "and persons employed therein "shall be in full force in relation "to the Branches, so far as the same "shall be applicable thereto."

"It is, in my "judgment, a manifest absurdity

" of this last Section that the powers
" of the Superintendent over the operations
" and officers at each Branch
" are bound with those of the Director
" over the Mint at Philadelphia".

Very respectfully

Wm A Elmore

Supt

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From Supt. at New Orleans

Dec. 30/58.

Authority of Supt. of
a Branch Mint.

# Sales of Smelts of 1857 & 1858—

## Coiner's Smelts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gold oz. 7.117 | $ 132.41 | |
| Silver oz. 430.740 | $ 501.23 | $ 633.64 |
| Weight of Smelts 1039 lbs @ 9 ct | | " 93.51 |
| Net Proceeds | | $ 540.13 |

## Melter & Refiner's Smelts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gold oz. 22.173 | $ 412.52 | |
| Silver oz. 1186.850 | $ 1381.06 | $ 1.793.58 |
| Weight of Smelts 2.660 lbs @ 9 ct | | " 239.40 |
| Net Proceeds | | $ 1.554.18 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gold oz. 16.955 | $ 315.44 | |
| Silver oz. 142.700 | $ 166.05 | $ 481.49 |
| Weight of Smelts 2.712 lbs @ 7 ct | | " 189.84 |
| Net Proceeds | | $ 291.65 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Silver oz. 10447 | | $ 1.215.62 |
| Weight of Smelts 15.944 lbs @ 5 ct | | " 797.20 |
| Net Proceeds | | $ 418.42 |

## Recapitulation

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Coiners Gold Smelts | $ 132.41 | |
| " Silver Co | $ 501.23 | $ 633.34 |
| Melters Gold Co | $ 727.96 | |
| " Silver Co | $ 2.762.73 | $ 3.490.69 |
| Total value of Smelts | | $ 4124.33 |
| Total amount of Charges (equal to 32%) | | " 1.319.95 |
| Total Net Proceeds of Smelts | | $ 2.804.38 |

Sweeps

Branch Mint

New Orleans

To
Secy. Treasury
Nov. 15th 1858

# Estimates,
## Branch Mint
## New Orleans

At Dahlonega, Georgia.

For salaries of Superintendent, coiner, assayer, and clerk, Six thousand dollars; 6.000 00

For wages of workmen, two thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars; — 2.880 00

For incidental and contingent expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, repairs, wastage &c, two thousand dollars 2.000 00

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans Dec. 20th 1858

Sir

I am of the opinion, that as Superintendent of this Branch Mint, I am entitled to a residence in it: and I beg respectfully to submit the question to your consideration, and decision. I do so with reluctance but a sense of duty to myself personally, and to my official position, in my judgment require it.

I base this right, on the following facts.

In a letter addressed by the Director of the Mint Dr Patterson, to David Bradford Superintendent dated May 9th 1837, he uses the following language.

"It is my wish, that the Superintendent
" shall reside in the Mint, and also the Coiner,
" and Melter & Refiner, and if practicable all the
" Officers. The apartments intended for the
" Superintendent were to be in the new wing."
and in a letter dated Jan' 8th 1837 he says—
" when Genl Gordon was in Philadelphia last,
" we had a full understanding on the subject of
" the wing of the Mint, which is now going up,
" and which with the consent of the Secretary
" of the Treasury, it was agreed to devote for the
" residences of the officers, and particularly of the
" Superintendent. The exterior appearance of the

"original plan was not to be interfered with;
" but the interior was to be arranged, and
" finished in a manner suited to its new destina-
" tion."

Here then we have the instructions of the Director, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, directing the Superintendent to occupy the new wing as a residence, and it would further appear from the last letter quoted, that the new wing was intended for the residence of the officers, and particularly of the Superintendent, and was to be finished accordingly.

And in a letter addressed by Mr Bradford Supt to the Director, dated March 10th 1838, he says— " I shall take up my quarters in the " Branch Mint next week—" and in a letter dated June 8th 1838 he says— " The stairs of the Superintendent's quarters are finished, but no bannisters " are put to the piazzas in the new wing." The new wing referred to by the Director, and Superintendent is that portion of the building in which Mr Bradford Supt, and his successors had their residence.

These instructions of the Director were given whilst the building was progressing to a completion, and before the operations of the Mint commenced. and it would seem that the Superintendents rooms were arranged, and finished for his express accommodation, and were not designed to be used for operative purposes.

Thus we see that Mr Bradford acted upon the instructions of the Director and resided in the building, and we know that all his successors

have done the same, with the exception of Mr Mc Alpin, Mc Knight, and myself, the two former because they did not wish to do so, though the rooms were vacant, and ready to receive them— and I have not done so, because under the present arrangement of the rooms of the building, the apartments formerly occupied by the Superintendent, are in the occupancy of the Assayer, for assaying purposes.

It will be observed from the above and from the correspondence on file in this Office, that from the organization of this Branch, down to last Spring, when the unfortunate controversy sprung up, between the late Superintendent, and some of the other officers, there never has been a question as to the Superintendents right to his quarters— except in two solitary instances— the case of Mr Camach who was Treasurer, and who was permitted by Mr Kennedy Supt to occupy his rooms, he not wanting them having a residence of his own, and the other, the case in which Mr Brewer late Treasurer of the Mint claimed the quarters for himself. In both cases the Superintendents right to his quarters was recognized by the Department. So that, the usage has been in conformity to the views, and instructions of the Director, and the Sec. of the Treasury as originally expressed.

But I respectfully submit, that even if this were a new question, the Department would maintain the position I assume.

I maintain that there is room enough in the Mint building, for all its operative

purposes, and for the accommodation of the Superintendent, the Coiner, and Melter & Refiner — the two latter now occupying residences in the buildings.

If any Officer is to have accommodation in the Mint, it seems manifest that it should be the chief Officer. Because by law, "he "shall have the control and management of the "Mint, the superintendence of the Officers, and per- "sons employed therein, and the general regulation "and supervision of the business of the Mint." He is the head of the Institution, responsible to the Director and the Secretary of the Treasury. He appoints every person employed in the Mint, except the Officers, and Clerks of the Treasurer and of course dismisses them at his pleasure. He is charged with the police of the Mint; and for that purpose, he appoints a certain number of watchmen to guard the building, during the time business is suspended, for whose fidelity and vigilance he is responsible. and if in consequence of his failure properly to discharge any of these duties, any damage should accrue to the Government, he would be liable to the extent of his means, and his sureties would be liable to the extent of their bond, say Ten thousand Dollars. It is manifest, that if the Superintendent had a residence in the building, he would have a better opportunity to see that all persons employed in the Mint do their Duty, and particularly the persons charged with the responsible duties of watching the building at night.

Upon entering on my duties, as Superintendent on the ninth day of July last, I found

the quarters occupied by my predecessors in the possession of the assayer, for assaying purposes, so that there were no rooms for my accommodation. The assayer was transferred to the rooms temporarily whilst his old rooms were undergoing repairs. My predecessor proposed to change his own office, from its present location, and also proposed to remove the assayer's office from its temporary location, and to put into it, his clerk Mr Alexander, to reside. The proposed changes were objected to, by Dr. Taylor the coiner, Dr. Bonzano the Melter & Refiner, and by Mr Millspaugh the assayer. The matter in dispute, was referred to Capt Duncan, then Superintendent of repairs, and he made an elaborate report, sustaining the objections, to the proposed arrangements; and it is in consequence of Capt Duncan's report, and your approval thereof, upon the issues presented in that controversy, that I find the quarters to which I think, I am entitled, in the possession of another: But I present for your consideration and decision a very different issue, from the one on which the report was made, and upon which your approval was based. My predecessor did not wish to occupy the Superintendents quarters himself, but wanted to introduce into them, a person who had no claim whatever to them, and who had no right to the office which he held. To this, as to the removal of the Superintendents office, there were grave objections. Now the Superintendent himself desires to occupy his old quarters, and does not propose to change his

Office.

Does Capt Duncan's report with your concurrence thereon and the views expressed by the Secretary of the Treasury in his letter to you dated April 27th 1858, cover the case which is now presented?

To determine this, we must bear in mind what questions were in controversy, and what points were to be decided material to the elucidation of those questions.

Capt Duncan in his report says, "The "present changes proposed, with the expense attending "them, and the objections urged to the same by "the several officers in charge of working Depart- "ments, arises, simply, on a question of residence, "viz: shall these rooms Nos (14) (15) (16) & (17) "be given to the Superintendent's clerk as a "residence in part payment of his compensation, "at the expense of the working departments of "the Mint, or shall they be turned over to the "Mint operations proper."

It is manifest from the language of the report quoted, that Capt Duncan intended to decide nothing but the question whether certain rooms formerly regarded as the Superintendents' "should be given to the Supt's clerk, as a residence in part payment of his compensation, at the expense of the working department of the Mint, or shall they be turned over "to the Mint operations proper." It is true that the report says — speaking of the rooms of the Superintendent — "The first and second stories "of this portion of the building are built with

"groined arches, and I consider that it was
"always injudicious to occupy them for any
"other purposes, than the operations of the Mint
"proper," and he recommends accordingly "that
"no portion of the groined arches rooms, be used
"for residences, but be assigned to the assaying De-
"partment." But why injudicious for the groined
arched rooms to be used as residences? No reason
is given, as I understand the report, for this conclu-
sion. It could not be, that the rooms were not
adapted for residences in consequence of their being
arched - for we have seen from the letter of the
Director to the Superintendent, written before the
rooms were finished, that they were to be devoted
to the residences of the officers, and particularly of
the Superintendent, and it is fair to infer, that
they were finished in this manner, because they
were not intended to be used for the operative pur-
poses of the Mint - and he certainly did not mean to
be understood as saying that these rooms were neces-
sary for the operations of the Mint, for he says, in
another part of his report - "There is an abundance
"of room, and to spare in the Mint for all of the
"different Departments if only properly distributed."

I recognize to the fullest extent the
correctness of the views announced by the Secretary
of the Treasury in his letter to you dated April
29th 1858, in which he remarks, "as the Branch
"Mint was established at New Orleans for the
"manufacture of the precious metals into coins, the
"personal convenience of individual officers, and

"employées must be required to give place to
"that object, instead of introducing new occupants
"into the building with their families, as is
"proposed for the Superintendent's Clerk, it is ob-
"vious that at no distant time, such officers,
"as now have family accommodations there,
"must be required to surrender them for the
"operations of the Mint." But these remarks, can
not apply to the case now submitted for your deci-
sion, for I maintain that there is room enough
in the building if it should be properly distribu-
ted for all the operative purposes of the Mint,
and for the residences of the Superintendent, the
Coiner, and Melter & Refiner: But if in this opi-
nion, I should be mistaken, and one of these
officers be called upon to surrender their quarters
for the public interest, then I submit, it should
not be the Superintendent.

The remarks, I have made on the views
contained in the letter of the Secretary of the Trea-
sury apply equally to your views as contained
in your letter to him dated April 26th 1858

I have delayed troubling you with this
disagreeable affair till now in the hope that the par-
ties interested would come to some satisfactory ar-
rangement among themselves. But in this, I have
been disappointed. I have therefore to submit
the whole question to you, and to ask your
decision on it.

I have furnished copies of this
communication to Dr Bonzano Melter &
Refiner, Dr Taylor Coiner, and to Mr Mills

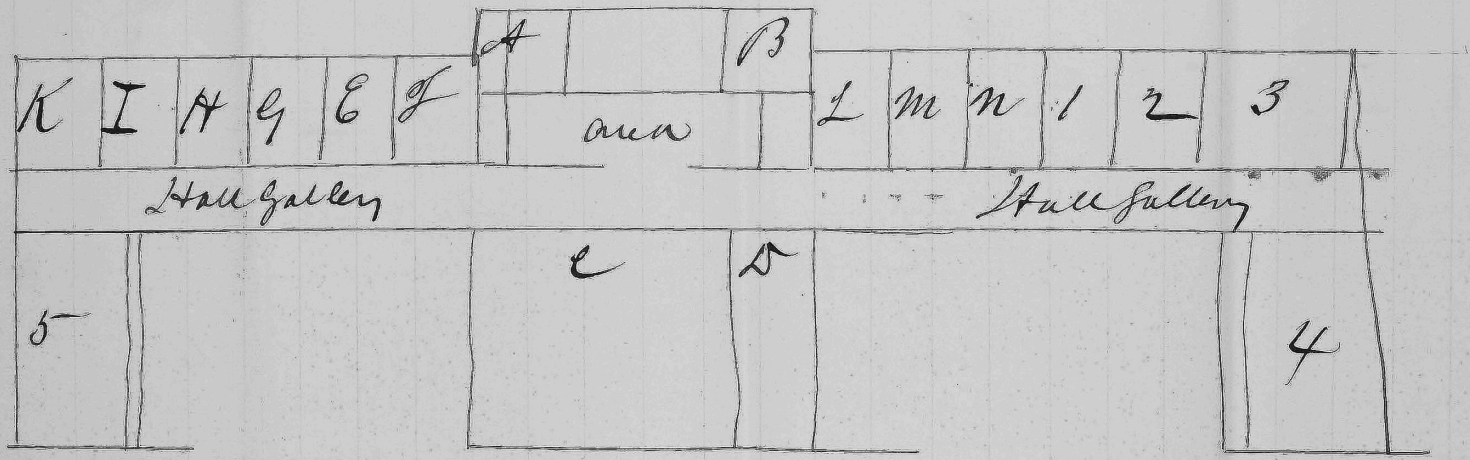
paugh assayer—

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Wm A Elmore
Supt.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

Papers relating to
Branch Mint at
New Orleans
1858

New arrangement after 1st May
2nd floor




K I H G F Melter & Refiner

C D A E – Corner

B L M N Assayer

1 2 3 block of Supt – upper rooms

4 Corner Residence upper rooms

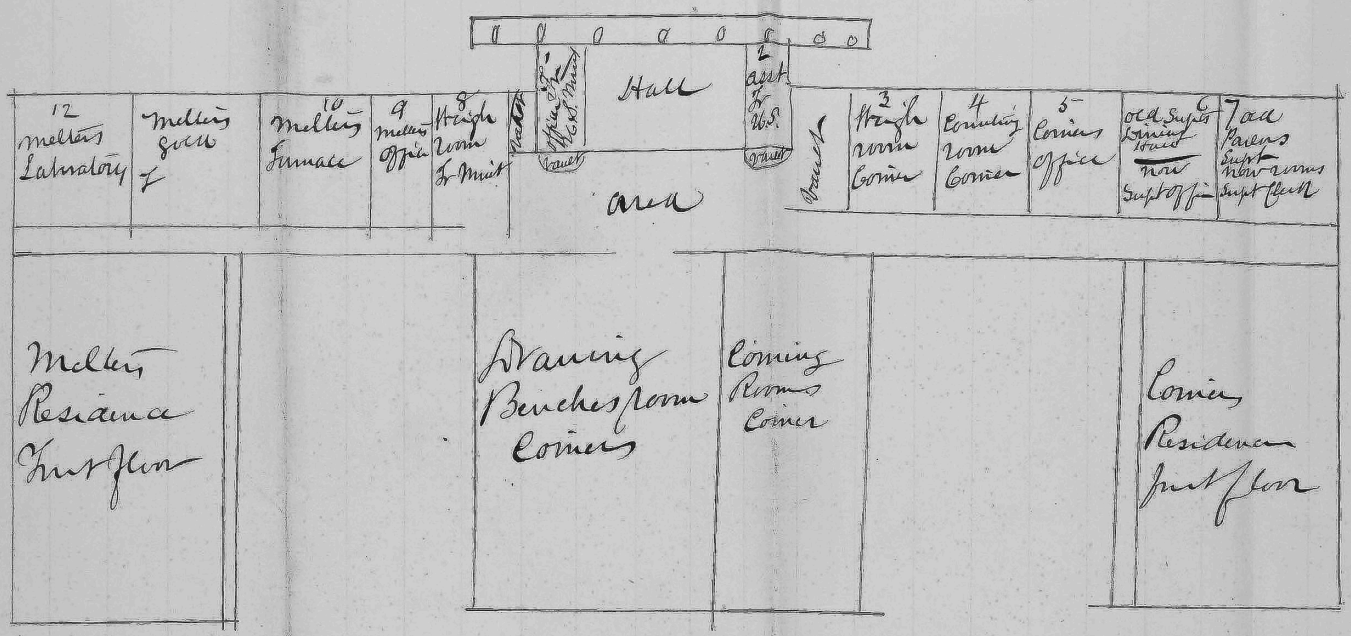
5 Melter & Refiner's Residence upper rooms.

Assayer has hereto occupied K I H G.

He complains of it as being heated by Melters Furnaces beneath & I have now with his distinct consent placed him in B. L M N

New arrangement after 1st May

1st Floor




No 2 5 up to May 1st used by Supt for Office

No 6 is old dining room of Supt — to be used after first 1st May as Supt Office

Estimates of Expenses of the U.S. Branch Mint at San Francisco, California, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th. 1860.

Summary.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries of Officers & Clerks. | | 30.500.00 |
| Supt Assistant & Treasurers Department: | | |
| Wages of Workmen, Watchmen & others | | 40.493.00 |
| Stationery & Contingent Expenses | | 5.000.00 |
| Total for Supt & Treasurers Dept | $ | 75.993.00 |
| Assayers Dept (including Wages of Workmen) | " | 42.691.75 |
| Coiners do do do do | " | 86.350.00 |
| Melter & Refiners do " " " | | 170.050.00 |
| Total | $ | 375.084.75 |
| Less estimated profits available for Expenses | | 120.141.25 |
| Total Amt of Appropriation required | $ | 254.943.50 |
| Less Balance of Profits to Corr & provided for under Act of U.S. | | 25 2,443 50 |

Respectfully Submitted
Wm. T. Sherwood
Superintendent

U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco, Cal. August 18. 1858.

# Mint Estimate of Expenses for the Melting and Refining Department for the Fiscal year ending 30th June 1860.

## For the Melting Room

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2,500 | Black lead Crucibles @ $1. ea. | 2,500.00 |
| 100 | Tons Stone Coal @ $20 | 2,000.00 |
| 3,000 | Bags Charcoal @ 75¢ | 2,250.00 |
| 15,000 | Pounds Ingot Copper @ 30 ¢ | 4,500.00 |
| | Fluxes | 1,000.00 |
| | Oil, Soap, light &c &c. | 500.00 |
| | Copper lined Ingot moulds & repairs | 500.00 |
| | Furnace Stove Grates &c. | 1,000.00 |
| | Blacksmith & Foundry work | 2,000.00 |
| | Building and Repairing Furnaces | 2,000.00 |
| | Sundry unenumerated incidental expenses | 5,000.00 |
| | Total | $ 23,250.00 |

## For the Sweep Room

1,500.00

$24,750.00

## In the Refinery

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 500.000 | Pounds Nitric Acid @ 12½ | | 62.500.00 |
| 100.000 | " Sulphuric " @ 4. | | 4.000.00 |
| 100.000 | " Zinc @ 6 | | 6.000.00 |
| 150 | Cords Wood @ $10 | | 1.500.00 |
| 100 | Tons of Silt @ $25. | | 2500.00 |
| 6.000 | Carboys (new &) @ 50¢ | | 3.000.00 |
| | Chemicals, Tests &c. | | 500.00 |
| | Diffusing Pitchers, dishes, glasses &c | | 500.00 |
| | Reducing Vats, Filters, Tubs, Carriages &c | | 2.500.00 |
| | Filter Cloth, India Rubber Gloves, Pipes &c | | 1.000.00 |
| | Drying Furnace, grates, drying pans &c | | 1.000.00 |
| | Wages of Refiners in Refinery | | 2.500.00 |
| | Sundry unenumerated articles & Expenses | | 2.500.00 |
| | | | $90.000.00 |

## Recapitulation

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Melting Room | 2.325.00 |
| | Sales Room | 1.500.00 |
| | Separating Room | 90.000.00 |
| | Wages of Workmen | 48.000.00 |
| | 200 Tons Stone Coal for Boilers | 4.000.00 |
| | Wastage | 3.300.00 |
| | Total | $170.050.00 |

U. S. Mint Superintendent

U. S. Mint San Francisco
13th August 1858

Respectfully Submitted
Louis H. Garnett
Melter & Refiner